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BUDGET CUTS



Firefighters Wayne Merola and John Dizoglio practice rescues Tuesday from the icy water of Haggetts Pond. Some training may be cut next year.

For fire: How big a hole?

By Andrea Gregory

The fire department is hoping to get through budget cuts without alarming Andover residents.

"If we can do that and cut items that won't affect the average citizen then we've done our job," said Administrative Deputy Chief James Lynch. "We're trying to cut cost without cutting services."

The town manager's recommended budget for next year calls for the reduction of 1.5 firefighter positions.

"Every position we cut will effect the operation," said Fire Chief Charles H. Murnane Jr.

Murnane expressed his concern with budget cuts after the recent three-alarm fire at Andover Commons. He has not returned phone calls this week.

"We do know we're looking at reductions," said Murnane. "Any less people would have adversely affected what went on."

He pointed out already the Andover Fire Department doesn't have the capability to deal with simultaneous fires in this town, which is why they rely on mutual aid — an agreement with other towns to help out when needed and where possible.

"There are some real tough decisions that have

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Man yanked from on-fire car

By Ben Hellman

Andover man Frank Dowd was pulled from his flaming car by a passerby and two police officers Sunday night, after he suffered a seizure and crashed his car into a snow bank on York Street.

On Wednesday morning, several days after the crash, Dowd looked out a window, still thinking about the effort that saved his life.

"The more you see, the more you're grateful," he said.

Carol Byrne, of 31

York St., witnessed the accident, called police and then ran back outside to flag down someone to help remove Dowd from the car, which had flames reported to be 10 feet high shooting out the back. Driving by, Pat Hagerty stopped to help. He was soon joined by Officer Jim Haggerty — no relation — and Sgt. Rick Edson. Pat Hagerty called Officer Jim Haggerty's actions "heroic."

"It happened so fast,

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Schools say 'no' to choice

By Ben Hellman

The School Committee chose "no" when it came to school choice this week. The measure would have allowed the Andover school system to bring in students from other towns and receive state-aid dollars for every student accepted. Members cited high classroom sizes and philosophic differences as reasons to reject school choice, 5-0.

Member Gerry Gustus said it was

"extremely wrong" to look at school choice as a way to raise money for the schools. School choice would have raised \$4,900 for every student allowed into Andover's schools. Money received for taking students would come from the state. Towns losing students would receive less aid.

That issue sealed Skip Eccles' vote. He said he was "totally opposed" to taking money from the

Lawrence school system. Dick Collins agreed with Gustus and Eccles and said he didn't want to take the best students from other schools. Collins also said that if a great football player happened to come Andover's way in the deal, "We'd get bombarded."

Member Christopher Smith said the "moderate amount" of extra classroom space being considered for school choice could be filled by

bringing out-of-district special-education students back to Andover, or by expanding all-day kindergarten.

Three weeks ago the political landscape for school choice was different. School officials said the extra space from the new schools made school choice a possibility for the first time in many years. Superintendent Claudia Bach said the possibility of allowing school choice

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DOUBLE TROUBLE

Both boys and girls basketball teams have shot at state title

By Rick Harrison

It is the nature of the beast.

Basketball, when played by two talented teams, is the most exciting high school sport going. The fast pace, the athleticism and skill of the players, and the proximity of the fans to the action can make it an intense experience.

Come tournament time, the electricity in the gym is amped up even more. One loss and you're out. No room for error. No second chances. No bad games.

That's the kind of atmosphere Andover High teams generally thrive on.

They'll have the chance to do so again this year. As they do virtually every year, both the AHS girls and boys hoop teams have qualified for the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament. Both had banner seasons, combining for a won-lost record of 37-5.

While both have also enjoyed past tourney success under current coaches Jim Tildsley and Dave Fazio — with the girls making a memorable run to the state final against Minnechaugh Regional several years ago — each is still looking to go the distance and win it all.

This could be the year — and what a rarity it would be if two teams from the same school were to win state titles.

One thing is for certain, Andover High's Dunn Gym will be packed to the rafters and rocking once again when tournament play begins tonight, Thursday, Feb. 27 for the boys and Saturday night, March 1, for the girls.

The boys will be playing for the first time in eight days, while the girls will see their first action in 13 days.

The AHS girls are undefeated at home this year, 9-0 at the Dunn, while the boys are 8-1.

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PHOTO BY LISA POOLE

Andover's Chris Vetrano

PHOTO BY CARL RUSSO

Andover's Jenny Muller

Turn to The Eagle-Tribune

On Friday, for coverage of the boys' Thursday game. On Sunday, for news from the girls' Saturday game.

Then turn to the Townsman next week

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Selectmen pave way for affordable home

Approve over neighbors' objections

By Andrea Gregory

Selectmen will allow Andover Community Trust (ACT) to build a permanently affordable home at the end of Heather Drive, against the wishes of many residents of the neighborhood.

As a result, some Heather Drive residents will seek a restraining order and permanent injunction to stop the project, said resident Kenneth Griffin. He said he can produce documentation to show building the new house will harm the surrounding properties by creating

additional flooding problems in the area.

"If you take a shovel and flip the dirt over you can see water fill the hole," he said.

Selectmen Monday night voted unanimously in favor of building the home.

"A lot of the time, it comes down to change. We don't like to see our neighborhood change at all," Selectman Ted Teichert said, in reference to the voices of those opposed.

This will be the second affordable house ACT brings to

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Budget DCS won't drop any programs

By Judy Wakefield

Most Department of Community Services programs are paid for by fees charged participants, but the department is still taking a hit when it comes to next year's operating budget.

The town manager has recommended level-funding the DCS budget. But built-in increases for the department's four full-time employees means DCS needs to cut about \$15,000, according to DCS Director Mary Donohue.

One cut will be made in the popular summer concert series held in the Park. Donohue is looking to cut the series to five concerts this summer. Last summer

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Ballot is one offering by the Department of Community Services, which does not plan to drop programs as a result of budget cuts.



One concert at coda

■ DCS BUDGET

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mer there were six concerts.

In addition, she is looking to get a permit to run a "50-50 raffle" at the free concerts, she said. Volunteers would sell raffle tickets at the concerts. A name would be pulled and the winner would get half the money collected, while DCS would get the other half. Concert performers are paid and Donohue



With programs funded by users fees as usual, kids like Carlos Teperdjian will continue to play.

said the raffle proceeds would help cover those costs.

"Activities will go on," Donohue said, emphasizing that there are no plans to cut any DCS-run programs, including the numerous popular summer programs that the department organizes for kids. Such programs are paid for with user fees. "But, we will try to recruit more volunteer help."

For example, she said the annual Fourth of July pancake breakfast will have fewer paid youth workers helping set up tables. Donohue will be recruiting volunteers for that job.

But don't look for volunteers to step into jobs at Poms Pond this summer. Donohue said the bulk of her department's seasonal worker budget pays salaries of lifeguards at Poms. She has no plans to cut back on those jobs.

The town manager's recommended budget shows an increase of \$17,000 for seasonal workers and that money is needed to recruit qualified lifeguards, she says.

"We already know the state is paying \$10 to \$11 an hour for lifeguards at their pools this summer," she said. "Safety at Poms is a top concern. We will not be cutting that seasonal help budget because we must have qualified workers at Poms."

NESWC

Support for new trash-disposal pact

By Andrea Gregory

A Tuesday meeting in Acton showed preliminary support is there for Andover and other North East Solid Waste Committee communities to enter a new contract in 2005 that will cut in half how much Andover pays to dispose of its trash.

NESWC communities will make their final decision between now and June 30.

Andover, along with 22 other NESWC towns and cities, has been considering a new deal with Wheelabrator North Andover (WNA) that would go into effect in 2005 when the current 20-year contract ends. Currently, NESWC communities are paying high rates to pay off the remaining \$90 million it cost to build the facility.

The new deal is contingent on communities responsible for 85 percent of NESWC's total tonnage entering into the new contract. This contract offers

communities three options, which run for different lengths of time.

Public Works Director Jack Petkus announced Andover was in favor of a four-year, nine-month option, the longest offered.

WNA is requiring at least 50 percent of trash tonnage for the entire 23 communities to commit to the longest option. The majority of the NESWC communities said at this point they would participate in the four-year, nine-month option, resulting in an estimated 84.1 percent of the total tonnage, surpassing the 50-percent requirement.

"It appears we will meet the conditions present," said Chairman Bob Mohoney.

Acton and West Newbury were the only two towns to vote for none of the three options at this time. Together, they account for only an estimated 3-percent of the total tonnage.

The only official decision made by a 22-1 vote was to insure WNA against acts of terrorism.

"We have the obligation to pay for insurance," said Shawn Worster, NESWC executive director, but with the extra insurance against acts of terrorism "we have the option."



Wayne Merola cuts a hole in the ice on Haggetts Pond so fire-fighters can train for water rescues.

How deep are cuts?

■ FIRE BUDGET CUTS

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to be made," Murnane said. "As long as people understand what these decisions mean, it will be all right."

As far as equipment and gear are concerned, the fire department is not looking to upgrade, said Lynch.

"We're looking at maintain-

ing what we have," he said. "I've seen no plan for buying anything new."

According to Lynch replacing is done when needed for things like gloves, portable radio batteries and other gear.

"The life of the batteries is starting to diminish," he said. "They are due for replacing."

Lynch said extra training may also be cut. "You hate to do that because the money and time is well spent," he said.

Lynch said he isn't aware of anything yet to be cut in fire prevention, but he said cutting back on the plastic badges handed out to kids and available safety brochures is a possibility.

"You've got to look at everything," he said.

Bad storms require additional staff to be called in, but Lynch said it's more than just the winter weather they have to worry about. Brush fires can last for days, also requiring addition people.

"Right now we have to hope that these things don't happen and we can finish the year without effecting services," Lynch said.

Storm cash

Last week's winter storm pushed Andover \$308,000 over its snow removal budget for the year. To date, the Department of Public Works estimates that the town has spent more than \$1.4 million to keep the streets clean this winter. Andover has gotten more than 83 inches this year, so far, with predictions for more.

The town's priorities - its list for what areas its plows should focus on - is in the following order: public safety facilities; major arterial roads (Routes 133, 28, etc.); school parking lots; other arterial routes (Woburn Street, Andover Street, School Street, etc.); subdivision collector streets - generally the streets that cul-de-sac streets feed; cul-de-sacs (dead end streets); municipal parking lots; sidewalks.

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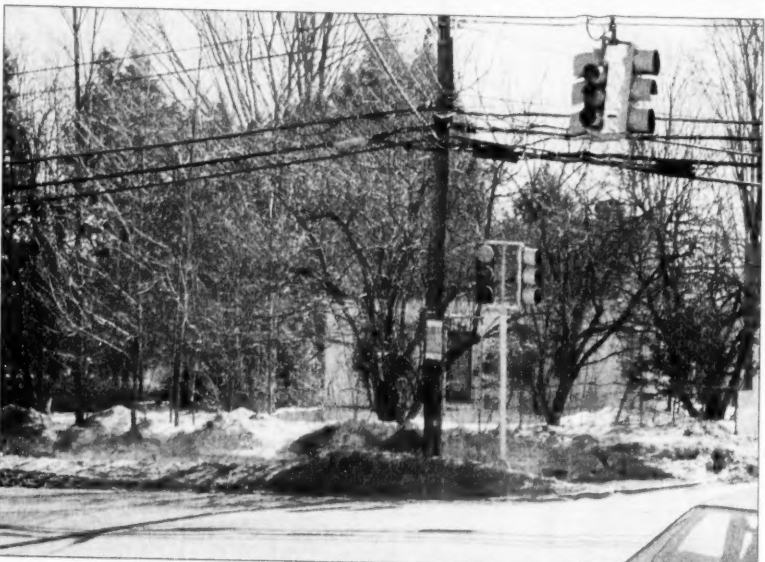
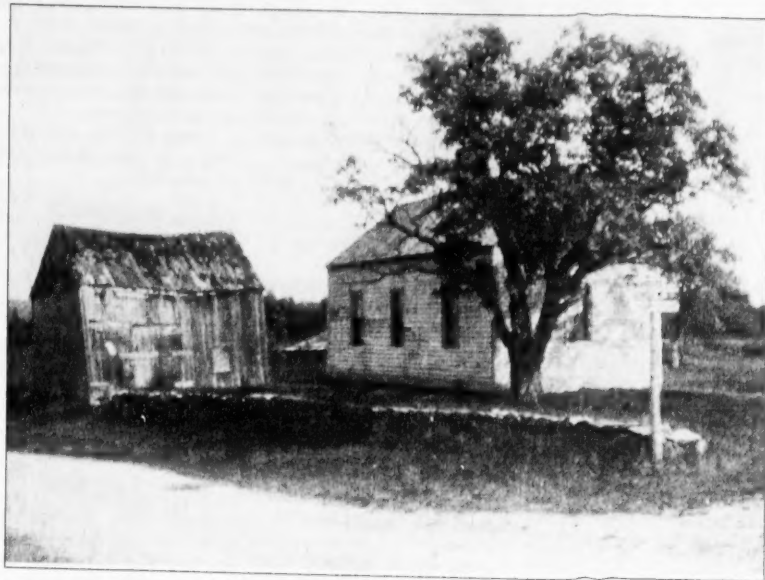
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OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN. In the early 1900s, 290 Lowell St. at the corner of Lowell and Lovejoy roads, sported a small sign post that indicated Andover to the left, Lowell to the right and Ballardvale straight ahead, as viewed looking south. A stone wall that was there then (visible in the earlier photo) still runs along 290 Lowell St., through the intersection – and the number of people who use it each day – has certainly changed.

Town manager takes budget talk to TV tube

A 30-minute presentation of the town manager's FY04 recommended budget, narrated by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, will be broadcast on local cable channel 8 the weeks of Feb. 24, March 3 and March 10 on the following days and times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m., and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. The presentation slides and detailed budget information can also be accessed on the town's Web site at www.town.andover.ma.us/finance/04recbudget.htm.

Marty Meehan holds 'town meeting'

On Monday, March 3, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., US Representative Marty Meehan will hold a regional town meeting for residents of Andover in the Memorial Hall Library, on the second floor of the library on Main Street in Andover. The event is open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend to discuss local and national issues with Representative Meehan.

State budget talk

Now that Gov. Mitt Romney has presented his proposed FY 2004 state budget, residents with questions about this budget, its impact on the town, campaign finance, or education reform may come to the annual "Meet the Legislators" meeting, sponsored by the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College.

Scheduled to attend are state Senators Susan Tucker, Steven Baddour and Bruce Tarr; and state Representatives Barry Finegold of 17th Essex, Barbara L'Italien of 18th Essex and David Torrisi of 14th Essex. Cascia Hall is in the center of Merrimack College campus and can be accessed from Elm Street.

Quote, unquote...

IT'S VERY HARD TO SEE RIGHT-SIDE-UP.

– Bernard Greenside, 79, an Andover Senior Center painter who paints subjects that are upside down. (Story, page 19)

THE ONLY SUGGESTION I have heard from the union president is to increase the budget through more taxes or pulling money from other town departments. These suggestions are simply absurd in this economy.

– Christopher Smith, School Committee member, on the school-budget suggestions by teachers union president Tom Meyers. (Story, page 5)

News Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 27

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, second floor, 8:30 a.m.

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 1 p.m.

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

School Committee, budget workshop, school administration building, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 3

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessors conference room, 9 a.m.

School Committee, budget workshop, school administration building, 7 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town

Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

Board of Registrars, Town Offices, town clerk's office, 5-8 p.m.

School Building Committee, Wood Hill Middle School library, 5:30 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Finance Committee, joint meeting, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Spring Grove Cemetery, Town Offices, plant and facilities department, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 1 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, monthly meeting, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, 9:30 a.m.

LWV debate, coffee

Chance to meet School Committee, other candidates

The League of Women Voters Andover/North Andover is holding a candidates coffee and a candidates debate to help the voters of Andover become more familiar with individuals running for office in the upcoming March 25 local election.

A total of 15 candidates are seeking election for six types of offices. The only contested election is for School Committee where five candidates are seeking two seats. The candidates for School Committee are: Arthur H. Barber, Gerald F. Gustus (incumbent), Anthony H. James, John R. Roberts and Louis A. Velazquez.

The candidates coffee will be

held on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at Banknorth (formerly Andover Bank). This event will provide an informal opportunity to meet candidates for the offices of School Committee, moderator (James D. Doherty), selectman (Brian Major, Ted E. Teichert), Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee (Kenneth T. Hamilton), Andover Housing Authority (Paul R. Higginbottom), and trustee of Puncard Free School (Donna C. Ellsworth, Earl G. Efinger, John R. Petty, Eric Stubenhaus, Helen A. Watkinson). All candidates have been invited.

A candidates debate will be held on Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. A debate between the five candidates running for School Committee will include questions developed by a League panel. Members of the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions as well.

Candidates for other committees will be asked one League prepared question. The forum will be televised live on Cable Channel 8 for those who cannot attend.

For more information or to submit questions to the League panel, contact Ronna Ponty Markell at 978-474-9966.

Last day for election

The last day to register to vote for new registrants for both the town election and Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 5. The town clerk's office at 36 Bartlett St. will be open for voter registration until 8 p.m. that day.

The annual town election will take place on Tuesday, March 25. All precincts will be voting at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mail-in voter registration forms are available at the Town Offices, library and post offices and must be postmarked no later than March 5 to be valid for voting at the town election and Town Meeting.

Cookie time

Andover Girl Scout troops are preparing to sell their famous cookies. Some sales will take place at "cash-and-carry" booth locations during March and April.

Andover troops first day and location will be at Market Basket on Saturday, March 8 from 9 to 11 a.m.

After collision on slopes, Andover teen skier remains hospitalized

A 17-year-old skier from Andover remained hospitalized Wednesday after crashing into another skier on the slopes last Friday.

Jason Durant is in fair condition at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was skiing on Cannon Mountain on Feb. 21 when he collided with the other skier, a 20-year-old man from Lee, N.H.

A Franconia, N.H. police officer said neither skier was wearing a helmet and they, when they hit, they had "as close to a

head-on collision as you can have in skiing."

Franconia police officer Bruce McKay said witnesses reported the skiers were descending on different intermediate trails at the same rate of speed when their paths crossed. Both were unconscious as a result of the impact.

The skiers were treated by Cannon Mountain ski patrol and taken by ambulance to Littleton Hospital in Littleton, N.H. before being transported by helicopter to Dartmouth Hitchcock.

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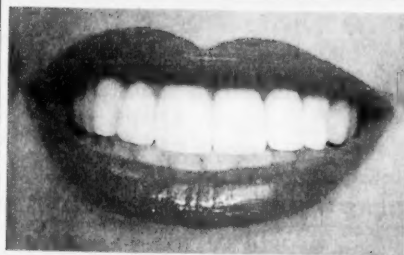
The next meeting of the Andover Democratic Town Committee will be Tuesday, March 4 at Marland Place on Stevens Street. The business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and a pizza social starts at 6:45.

The committee asks those planning to attend the pizza social to contact Nancy O'Connor Stolberg at 978-470-2784.

March health clinics

The Andover Health Department will have mini clinics on Monday, March 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, March 24 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday during the month, on March 5, 12, 19 and 26. No appointment necessary.

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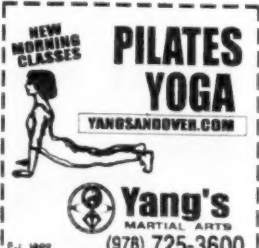
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Store manager fights for parking

Valued spots for downtown businesses have waiting lists

By Andrea Gregory

Employees of shops in the downtown vicinity find their parking situation difficult, their options limited and one store manager says she feels robbed of her parking space by the same people who issued it.

Michele Santell of Boxford manages Irresistibles at 13 Main St. She lost her employee parking permit issued by the town of Andover for failing to renew it by Jan 31. The permits were created to help free spaces in front of the stores for customers and make it possible for employees working in the area to park all day in one of two lots. The number of permits is limited and the wait to get one can take years. Santell showed they're worth fighting for when she went before the selectmen on Feb. 10 to not only see if her permit could be reinstated, but to bring attention to the rude and unfair treatment she claims she was given by the parking department.

"I went for two reasons," Santell said. "It was my understanding they (the selectmen) enforced the parking policy and because of the process I went through."

It was an unusually busy week Santell says kept her from renewing the permit on time, but she did put a call into the parking department at Town Offices.

"I thought I covered myself, but found out otherwise when I got there on Monday," she said. "No one has yet told me they got



Irresistibles' Michele Santell, above enjoying a charity fashion show, is not happy the town will not renew her parking spot.

the message."

Santell said they wouldn't acknowledge the phone call and was told if this was important to her she would have come in when she was supposed to.

"We should have a more user friendly system," Selectman John Hess said after hearing her story. Ray Hender apologized on behalf of the staff.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said the demand outweighs the supply when it came these parking permits. "There is a waiting list," Stapczynski said. "There has been a waiting list since we started the program."

Delores Zimmer of the Collector/Treasurer's Office, which handles parking issues, said someone in the office did receive

the message, but not until the following Monday.

"If we had spoken to her on Friday we would have said no," said Zimmer.

According to Zimmer, a phone call doesn't buy time, and the way to move up on the waiting list is to wait until someone forgets or doesn't renew his or her pass.

She said the message was received by someone else on Monday morning and since their phones are not equipped with a flashing light or another indication to bring attention to messages they are rarely checked throughout the day.

"You have a rule and you just have to keep it the same for everyone," Zimmer said.

Zimmer says she sees both sides of the issue and finds it annoying to have someone acting like Santell. The parking list for the Park Street lot shows 16 people waiting, while 34 more people are on the Main Street lot list. There are no dates on the list to verify the amount of time it actually takes to get a permit, but Zimmer said the fourth person down on one of the lists worked for a store that is no longer in town.

"I feel bad for these people, too," said Zimmer. "We bend over backwards to try to help people."

Zimmer says her staff wasn't rude to Santell, they just weren't making an exception for her. Zimmer would not say who the

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, Feb. 20 - At 9:56 a.m., Judith Pesarik, 44, of 109 Thoreau Way, Lawrence, was arrested at 4 Tech Drive and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Hotel staff at the address called police to evict her.

At 12:14 p.m., Legrant Stanley, Jr., 24, of 20 Post Office Ave., was arrested on a Danvers warrant and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery and conspiracy to violate a drug law.

Friday, Feb. 21 - At 4:39 p.m., John Barrett, 51, of 61 Jackson St., Haverhill, was arrested on Whittemore Terrace and charged with possession of a class D substance.

Sunday, Feb. 23 - At 1:52 a.m., a Poplar Terrace resident reported a man in his 16-year-old daughter's bedroom. The girl said the male was in her room and that another male, whom she was friends with, told the intruder to break into the house. Sean Patti, 17, of 2 Summer St., was arrested at home at 6:57 a.m. and charged with breaking and entering at night time with intent to commit a felony. Bail was set at \$1,000.

At 5:21 p.m., Shariff Johnson, 24, of 52 Mascott St., Dorchester, was arrested on Memorial Circle and charged with assault and battery on a household member, trespassing, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. The victim said Johnson punched her in the head and said she felt dizzy.

Monday, Feb. 24 - At 4:28 p.m., the drug task force pulled over a Vermont car on North Main Street. Three patrolmen and three detec-

tives were involved in the operation. At 4:57 p.m., Amy McKinney, 33, of 14 Main St., West Hartford, Vt., was arrested and charged with driving without a license, possessing a class A substance and a class B substance. At 5:28 p.m., Robert Geha, 27, of 40 Union St., White River Junction, Vt., was arrested and charged with possessing a class A substance, a class B substance and a hypodermic needle.

At 10:17 p.m., Benjamin Varona Jr., 37, of 312 Goffstown Road, Manchester, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with driving without a license.

At 10:49 p.m., Carmen Higgins, 31, of 28 Cortez Drive, was arrested on Lowell St. and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Tuesday, Feb. 25 - At 12:01 p.m., Paul Vera Jr., 17, of 16 Vinton Drive, Penacook, N.H., was arrested at 139 River Road and charged with possession of a class D substance.

At 12:18 p.m., Michael Snedeker, 17, of 36 Bog Road, Concord, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a firearm without an FID card and possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute.

At 3:13 p.m., Donald Elderkin, 41, of 9 Main St., was arrested on River Road and charged with driving without a license and on a warrant for driving an uninsured motor vehicle without a license.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Feb. 19 - At 8:33 a.m., a caller reported her child's bicycle stolen from North Street.

At 12:41 p.m. a North Main Street resident reported a theft by

mail.

At 4:45 p.m. a detective went to larceny on North Main Street. Friday, Feb. 21 - At 10:52 a.m., Budget Rent-a-Car on River Road reported a car stolen.

At 3:30 p.m., a Whittemore Terrace business reported tools missing after a recently fired employee was seen on the property.

Sunday, Feb. 23 - At 12:05 p.m., a Phillips Academy student reported his wallet stolen.

Monday, Feb. 24 - At 5:50 p.m., a man on Haverhill Street reported someone broke into his locker and stole his things.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, Feb. 20 - At 1:07 a.m., a resident reported four of her car tires had been slashed and her rear view mirror had been smashed while she was visiting a friend on Crescent Drive.

At 2:08 p.m., the Department of Social Services requested assistance in removing children from an Andover address. The mother was ordered off the property and would not cooperate. The children were removed and transferred to DSS.

At 3:34 p.m., a Walnut Street resident, and at 7:46 p.m., a Flint Circle resident, reported car tires slashed.

Saturday, Feb. 22 - At 1:30 a.m., a group of kids were reported in a Minuteman Road parking lot pouring mustard all over a vehicle. One boy dropped a cell phone and later called to get it back. He was told to come to the police station for it.

Sunday, Feb. 23 - At 8:48 p.m., a Balmoral resident reported being assaulted by a neighbor.

COMPILED BY BEN HELLMAN

Passerby, police pull man from car

HEROIC ACTION

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it's hard to remember," said Hagerty.

The two police veterans were on the scene "a minute" after Hagerty was flagged down by Byrne, he said. "Another minute ... and that car would have been engulfed and he would be dead," Edson said. Edson said he controlled the blaze by kneeling under the back of the car and spraying his fire extinguisher onto the burning undercarriage. "It was a scary thing because my face was three feet from the gas tank for about 25 seconds," he said, "but you gotta do what you gotta do."

Hagerty said he hit the window with a long crowbar "eight times with everything I got" before it broke. It then took all three of the rescuers three more

minutes to extricate the dazed Dowd from the car.

Dowd recovered later Sunday night and went to the police station to thank his police rescuers. "I shook (Jim Haggerty's) hand once, then again and I think I might have shook it a third time," Dowd said, still sounding shaken. "It is a rare thing for people to risk their lives like that and I am dazed with gratitude."

Dowd said he has had seizures since 1997 and there is usually a warning - what he calls "the aura" - about an hour before an attack. "I can't read and can't concentrate and my eyes shoot in about 20 different directions," he said.

This time there was no warning, which Dowd attributes to his drinking four cups of coffee with about 20 sugars.

Dowd, 36, is now worried his

license will be taken because he had a seizure while driving. It is not the first time he has had a seizure while driving. He likens the seizures to "falling asleep." He said he awoke Sunday night after the accident being loaded into the ambulance and confused about what was going on.

Dowd said he had his first seizure while he was driving on the highway with his girlfriend in 1997. He said he has blacked out driving at least one other time while driving and has had his license revoked before. Dowd said he had been seizure-free for a year before Sunday's accident.

Dowd grew up in Andover and returned to town when his father passed away to take care of his mother.

Olivia Gatti and Mark E. Vogler contributed to this story.

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Plan to cancel 2 in-service days nixed

Schools superintendent won't ask teachers to back plan to save \$360,000

By Ben Hellman

The schools will have to cut \$360,000 more from next year's budget after Superintendent Claudia Bach last week withdrew her plan to ask unions to accept a school-wide furlough. The furlough would have effectively closed down the schools during two in-service days, meaning employees would not be paid for those two days.

The planned furlough was included in Bach's preliminary budget and in the recently released School Committee newsletter, *The Blackboard*, and would have applied to all school employees.

Bach said this week that when she announced the plan, she told the schools' unions she only intended to have a furlough if town workers also had one.

Bach said this week she doesn't believe the decision to not ask for a furlough placed labor concerns over educational ones. She had said in a newsletter article that if the furlough wasn't accepted "we would need further reductions in our teaching and support personnel."

Bach also said she hopes the

principals and School Committee have eyed other options to save money. Raising fees and cutting supplies were two options she named.

The superintendent's proposed budget already calls for the elimination of 40 school-department jobs through layoffs, retirements and reassignments. Several health, physical education and technology staffers have been told their jobs will end after this school year. After seeing the town-wide budget released last week, she said services for children are taking a bigger cut than other programs.

When she announced cancelling the furlough, Bach said she believes the town departments aren't cutting as much as the schools, and school employees shouldn't be expected to take a furlough. "As a citizen of this town, I think my services look like they're going to be pretty intact next year," she said. "My trash will be collected and my streets will be plowed. But we have to be honest and say children's services are going to be reduced."

Thomas Meyers, president of

the teachers union, rejected the proposal for a furlough when it was announced. At a recent budget forum, Meyers called the furlough "blackmail," saying the union was being pressured to accept the furlough at the expense of losing jobs.

Meyers said taxes should go up or other money should shift to the schools instead.

Bach said she does not favor asking voters for a tax override or competing with other town departments for money. But considering Andover's financial problems, leaders should consider moving money from the capital improvement plan and other areas into the operating budget, she said.

On the town side of Andover's budget, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has proposed eliminating 13 jobs and cutting spending in most departments to keep the budget balanced.

School Committee member Christopher Smith said he was disappointed the furlough plan had been taken off the bargaining table.

"The only suggestion I have heard from the union president is to increase the budget through more taxes or pulling money from other town departments," Smith said. "These suggestions are simply absurd in this economy."

Meir Rinde contributed to this article.



Tom Meyers: Furlough to save \$360,000 was "blackmail"

Housing

ACT HOME

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Andover. The new homeowner will have to make between 60 and 80 percent of the area median income (between \$40,440 and \$53,920). ACT will continue to own the land after selling the house with a ground lease and deed restriction to ensure it remains a permanent affordable home.

The first ACT home was built on Haverhill Street with the help of Greater Lawrence Technical School students.

"The technical students built the first house and we're hoping they build our next," said Susan Stott, president of ACT. "It really was, by the time we got done, a community effort." Stott said she hopes that type of effort surrounds the new development.

"There are no wetlands on the land and that was the issue the neighbors kept talking about," said Stott.

"We're not going to let a hostile neighbor who doesn't want to see change stop us," said John Pearson, a senior associate at Margulies and Associates of Boston and designer of the house. Before

the meeting, Pearson said he would have been surprised if selectmen voted against the project because they seemed so supportive Feb. 10, when it was first presented to them.

Griffin, 14 Heather Drive, spoke on behalf of the neighborhood, opposing the new project. He said the neighborhood had not been given notice of the Feb. 10 meeting. "This is open space. This is important to us. We plan to do whatever it takes to keep it open," he said.

Griffin said he is worried building the home will harm a neighborhood already struggling with water flowing onto people's land and damaging property.

He said neighbors are prepared to sue ACT if needed.

Griffin also said he's concerned about being more vulnerable to crime while the area is under construction. He said it's important to his neighborhood to know who comes and goes. "There will be some responsibility on the shoulders of the Board of Selectmen" if anything happens, he said.

"I also want the town to think about who the town is representing," he said. "We are residents and voters."

Choice decision

SCHOOL CHOICE

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deserved "a second look." Gustus cited his record for voting for school choice for two years. Smith said ideas to raise money should be considered.

Bach said before the vote this week that she had received letters from parents who opposed school choice because they were concerned about possible overcrowding, especially after the town had built the new schools.

Gustus said he had also received responses from parents about his comments supporting school choice. Gustus said this week he didn't realize that elementary grades could participate in the program, even though Bach said she was only considering the program for kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3 at the Feb. 4 meeting. At that time Bach cited rising high-school enrollments in her decision.

School choice was considered

impossible before the new schools were built. Gustus said he supported school choice in the past to "bring in more diversity." After speaking against it this week he called school choice "a good program."

Bach said this week that even though the new schools were built, South Elementary is already at capacity; High Plain Elementary is at 99 percent capacity; and, if all-day kindergarten is expanded, West Elementary will be at capacity.

Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood took the opportunity to say the belief that the new schools would affect classroom sizes was "one of the biggest misconceptions."

Bach asked the committee to take a vote this week because the decision affects budget decisions. It also can affect space needs and the expansion of all-day kindergarten or preschool programs.

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Education

LOCAL SCHOLARS

The following Andover residents have received academic honors at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. for the fall term.

High honors: 11th grader **Alexander U. Marsh**; ninth-graders **Mairead S. Small Staid** and **Lauren W. Marsh**; and 10th-grader **Daniel Y. Pappalardo**.

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Pingree School announces the first semester honor roll. The following students from Andover earned honors:

High honor roll (average of 93 or higher): **Diana Stapinski**.

Honor roll (average of 89 or higher): **Carolyn Cronin**, **Elizabeth Cronin**, **Mary Baird** and **Kathryn Nugent**.

Head of school's list (average of 85 or higher): **Scott Davenport**, **Sarah Goldstein** and **Christine Cronin**.

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Residents from Andover recently achieved academic honors for the first semester at Belmont Hill School.

High honors are granted to boys who earn an average of B+ or better in a four or five course program. Honors are granted to boys who earn a B average in a four or five course program.

Colin Pearce Hutzler and **Ryan Hale Hutzler** both received honors.

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Ben Bibler, a Brooks School senior from Andover, has been named a finalist in the competition for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2003. Bibler is one of 15,000 finalists, selected from an original pool of more than 1.3 million juniors in over 20,000 US high schools, who entered the 2003 National Merit Program by taking the 2001 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The finalists will be notified in March if they are awarded a National Merit Scholarship.

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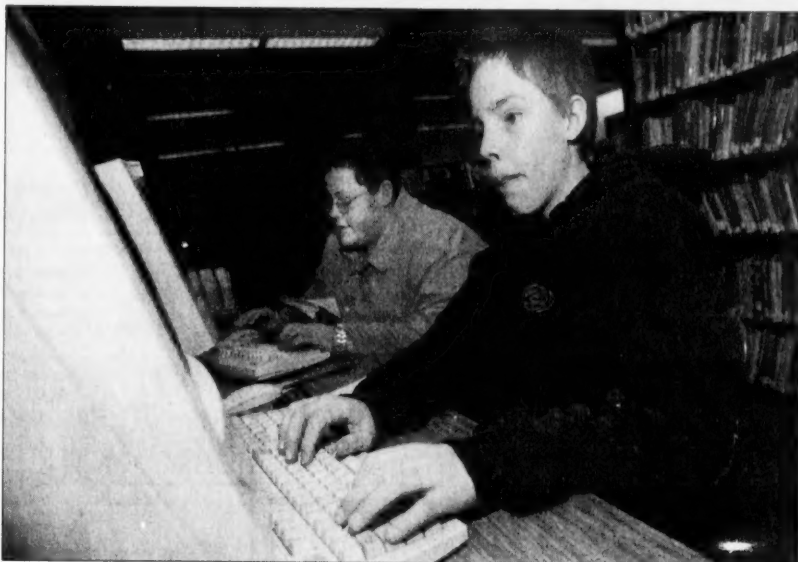
Andover High School qualified 36 students for the state marketing conference.

The district Marketing Conference was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Chelmsford, on Friday, Jan. 31.

Andover High finished tops overall and qualified 36 students who are now eligible to compete March 9-11 at the state conference at the Ferncroft Hotel in Danvers.

The following students placed first in their category: **Yasmin Mandviwala**, **Melissa Carpentier**, **Hillary Wacks**, **Scott Kahan**, **Elizabeth Moffit**, **Kristin Araujo**.

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Ryan MacKinnon (in front) and Alex MacDonald work after school doing research for a class at Doherty Middle School. Technology spending is increasing \$33,901 next year while health, physical education and other areas are being cut. School Committee members will question the administration tonight, Thursday, at 7 at a budget workshop in the School Committee meeting room on the second floor of the administration building at Whittier Court. Health educators are concerned that students won't have the proper foundation for making the right choices concerning health and behavior as they get older.

Teachers fear impact of proposed budget cuts

Physical education would be especially hard hit

By Ben Hellman

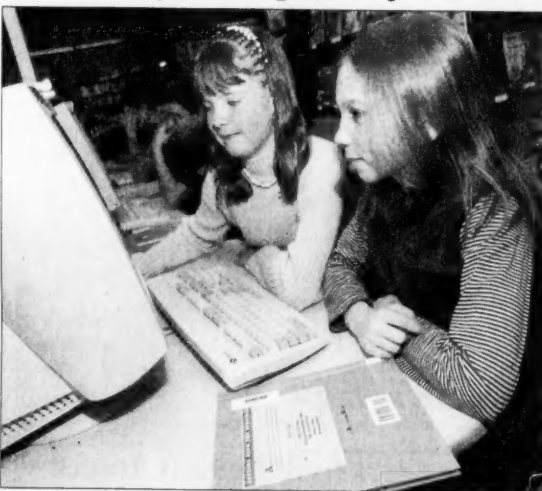
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WILL HAVE HALF as much physical education next year and no health courses if the superintendent's preliminary budget goes through. The cuts have health and physical education coordinators Dave Nichols and Brian McNally looking for new ways to keep kids healthy and in shape in the next school year.

Elementary kids will not have health classes next year unless their homeroom teachers take on the responsibilities. But homeroom teachers are not experts and can't offer the level of teaching that someone with proper training can, said Nichols. "That's not what they do for a living. That's not what they love to do," he said.

Most troubling to Nichols is that kids won't get a foundation in anatomy during their elementary years. What they learn at that age helps them to make better decisions when they are older. "It's tough to talk to the kids about AIDS if they don't know what a human cell is," he said.

Nichols said the trickiest things to teach in later years — such as information about inhalants, suicide and eating disorders — can't be taught straight-on because teachers don't want to put ideas into the kids' minds. But a good understanding of the respiratory system could stop a student from using an inhalant, said Nichols. "I think it puts kids at risk not to teach them those sorts of lessons," said Nichols.

With the loss of 5.5 elementary physical-education positions next year, elementary kids will have 48 minutes of physical education a week instead of 90.



Hannah Bardo and Kerry McCarthy use the Internet to do research for a science class at Doherty Middle School.

"What will be in place of P.E., I don't know," said McNally. He hopes he can get enough money to add 15 minutes so he can schedule two 30-minute periods, because during weeks with a holiday kids could go the entire week without any physical education.

Adaptive physical education, for special-education students, will lose the equivalent of 1.5 teachers. PE plus, a program helping kids who are not affected severely enough for adaptive physical education, but need extra help, will be eliminated entirely.

Andover High School will lose 1.6 physical-education positions.

The cuts come hard to a program that has won numerous awards in the last year. The elementary-level physical-education program won the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance award from being this year's program of the year.

Budget cuts figure prominently in the latest *Blackboard*

School Committee newsletter issued to parents via backpacks

By Ben Hellman

THE CHALK DUST is just settling on the newest installment of the School Committee newsletter, *The Blackboard*. Thanks to parent volunteer Cynthia Egan, the School Committee hopes to release the newsletter on a monthly basis.

The Blackboard came out once in 2002. Last year's edition was mailed to parents before Town Meeting to let them know that the schools were in financial difficulty.

This year's edition was sent home in backpacks, but the message of financial hardship is similar.

School Committee member and former editor Gerry Gustus said at the last printing during spring 2002 that he wanted the newsletter to come out three times per year. Even though the last two *Blackboards* were printed just before Town Meeting and focused on budget issues, the newsletter is not meant to be a single-topic paper, said Gustus. "It's sort of only natural that that's our main topic when *(The Blackboard)* comes out in that time frame," he said.

The office of Campaign and Political Finance sent a letter to the School Committee last year when a resident complained the newsletter, which is paid for with tax dollars, encouraged residents to support a tax override prior to the Town Meeting vote.

CPF spokesman Denis Kennedy said the newsletter should not have tried to influence voters to support the

Proposition 2½ override meant to fund the schools. There should be no issues with this year's newsletter. Using public funds to tell residents the schools need more money is not a problem if it

does not precede a ballot question, Kennedy said this week.

Budget cuts are the main topic of this year's newsletter. An abridged version of Superintendent Claudia Bach's introduction to her preliminary budget is included. Bach called the 2004 budget cycle "the most challenging budget cycle in over a decade."



Gerry Gustus hands over the editor's reins



Claudia Bach: Challenging budget cycle for '04

Potential teacher and personnel cuts are listed, as well as upcoming School Committee meeting and budget-forum dates. There is a farewell letter from departing member Skip Eccles.

Egan said the School Committee retains full control over what is printed and her role is simply putting the newsletter together. "It's pretty routine. It's not rocket science," she said.

But with all the committee input needed to put together a newsletter, former editor Gustus said Egan would end up taking the reins. "She's going to need to be editor," he said.

The February edition is slimmer than *Blackboards* of past, in the hopes of making it easy enough to get out every month, said Gustus.

The new newsletter is a single, double-sided sheet of paper, instead of the multi-page newsletter that came out last year.



Skip Eccles pens a farewell message

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

■ AHS MARKETING

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Cory Rillahan, Sloan McCauley, Laura Berger, Eric Draper and Joe Robichaud.

Placing second in their category are: Pat Dolan, Meryl Berger, Chris Travers, Rob Ginsberg, Lauren Murray, Julia Gatti, Brittany Birrell, Kristen Pinksten and Jeanne Lothrop.

In third place in their categories are: Ariel Merckrehs, Melissa Cerullo, Cory Hanson, Lisa Famiglietti, Kristen MacInnis, Elizabeth Minton, Jacqui Munro, Rachel Weisblatt and Jessica Shields.

Placing fourth in their categories are: Kyle Williams, Amanze Ibe, Jake Kleinman, Mary Nolan, Michelle Huntley, Alison Caverly, Elyse Brouillard and Chris Renfro.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is the only national organization to attract young people in careers in marketing, management, entrepreneurship, and financing, said AHS advisers JoAnn Samra and Joe Spanos.

DECA's purposes are to develop a respect for education, which will contribute to occupational and educational competence, and also to promote understanding and appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship in a free, competitive enterprise system.

These students become our future business leaders of tomorrow. There are almost 100 activities throughout the state conference, and more than 1,000 marketing and DECA competitors. Students have a wide variety of role playing situations with leaders in the field of business, education, and government; competitors must also take written tests in their designated categories.

Our Lady of Nazareth Academy in Wakefield announced that Moriah Heller of Andover, a junior, has been named to the honor roll for the second marking term of the 2002-03 academic year.

Heller received first honors.

St. John's Preparatory School recently announced that 374 students earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2002-03 school year.

During the second quarter, 102 students qualified for the headmaster's list by earning grades of 90 percent or higher in all courses, and 272 students qualified for the honor roll by earning grades of 85 percent or higher in all courses.

On the headmaster's list are:

David J. DeMella '03,

Christopher W. Gibson '06, John F. McCarthy '04, Brian P. McPartland '04, Mark P. Rauseo '06 and Daniel P. Ravens '05.

Receiving honors are:

Robert H. Bradley II '06, Brendan M. Connors '03, Michael J. Cronin '04, Michael P. Gibson '04, Lino N. Patti '05, Timothy D. Redmond '03, Richard F. Sawyer '06, Hasan A. Syed '05, Douglas A. Washington '04, Geoffrey K. Wuehrmann '05 and Andrew P. Wuehrmann '03.

The following students in the class of 2003 at Phillips Academy have been named finalists in the 2003 National Merit Scholarship Program, which honors academically talented students: Katherine Dlesk, Brian Fiske, Brian Karfunkel, Viraj Navkal and Joshua Williams.

About 8,000 National Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in the spring.

The following Andover students were named to the high honor roll or honor roll for the first semester at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, a preparatory school for grades 9 through 12.

High honors:

Ania Krzywicki, a freshman;

Kathryn Malleck, a freshman;

Sam Adams, a sophomore;

Jennifer Muscatello, a sophomore; and

Andrew Samel, a junior.

Honor roll:

David Shack, a freshman;

and Lauren Goglia, a junior.

Middlesex School in Concord, recently announced its

honor roll for the fall 2002 semester.

The following students from

Andover were awarded honors

distinction for achieving a

scholastic average of between

85 and 89.9 percent.

Honors: Paul Burke, class of

2003; Tim Huang, class of

2003; and Zach O'Donnell,

class of 2006.

After four contests in a six-

contest season, the results are in

for the New England Math

League and have both Phillips

Academy and Brooks School in

the top three places out of 185

schools in the league. Phillips

Academy took first place with

90 points and Brooks School,

with 84 points, is in a two-way

tie for third with Brookfield

(Conn.) High School.

In second place is nearby

Lexington High School with 87

points. The New England Math-

ematics League includes both

public and private schools from

Connecticut, Maine, New

Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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All of the problems on each contest require no additional knowledge of mathematics beyond the grade level they test.

The following Andover residents earned highest honors for the fall semester at Brooks School by maintaining an average of 92 or better.

Seniors: Benjamin Bibler and Kaylan Tildsley.

Sophomore: Shyam Kannan.

Freshmen: Alexandra Caffrey and Adam Rousmaniere.

The following Andover residents earned high honors for the fall semester at Brooks School by maintaining an average of 88 or better.

Seniors: Wess Cohen.

Juniors: Nicole Johnson, Julia Shin and Mark Thompson.

Sophomores: Emily Schwarz and William Shaheen.

Freshmen: Sara Christopher, Suzanne Hyslip, Chelsea Portney, Joseph Tonelli.

The following Andover residents earned honors for the fall semester at Brooks School by maintaining an average of 85 or better.

Seniors: Allison Arrigg, Megan Russell and Valerie Saryan.

Juniors: Libby Mulligan and James Waters.

Sophomores: Thomas Arrigg, Stephanie Miller, Meredith Mooney and James Scully.

Freshmen: Michael Bruno and Kaitlyn Conway.

Matthew Stavropoulos '04

of Andover was named to Cushing Academy's honor roll for the fall 2002 term. To be awarded honors, students must receive grades of 80 and above for the semester.

Patrick Harrington '03, also of Andover, received a varsity letter as a member of Cushing Academy's varsity football team.

Tim LeGrow of Andover is a member of the class of 2003 at Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton, Maine.

LeGrow, who is a member of the Wolverine hockey team, is a graduate of Andover High School.

Andrew Berman, an 11th-grade student at Cambridge School of Weston, won the honor of performing in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association All State Concert held at Symphonay Hall on March 22. Berman will perform in the 19-member jazz ensemble as the only guitarist.

Approximately 2,000 students from all over Massachusetts vied for positions in the All State. Berman qualified for the final round of tryouts based on previous high scores in last fall's district competition.

At a recent awards assembly, Lawrence Academy in Groton began its winter term by recognizing students for their noteworthy academic achievement during the fall trimester.

Jonathan Swift, a senior from Andover, received a commendation from the arts department, with dance director Brian Feigenbaum referring to him as a non-traditional dancer "who has helped me expand my notion of beauty." Not only does he have "a gift for identifying visual power," according to Feigenbaum, but he is also steadfastly supportive of classmates and "a fantastic peer to his fellow independent choreographers."

Swift, who was a captain of the 6-1-1 varsity football team and this season plays forward on the varsity hockey team, performed a solo titled *The Beginning* during the school's fall dance recital.

Pingree School honored its athletes at the Fall 2002 Athletic Awards. The following students from Andover were honored:

Michaela Iannazzi was awarded the Best Mid-Field Player for the girls JV soccer team.

Dave Schwarz was awarded the Most Valuable Player for the boys JV soccer team.

Calder Zwerling was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the boys cross-country team.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 3-7:

Elementary schools

Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog on a roll, green beans, pineapple and milk. Lucky Tray Day.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, pizza, waffles with ham and syrup, peas, peaches, brownie and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey with stuffing, pizza ring with pizza sauce, nachos with taco meat and cheese, cranberry sauce, carrots and milk.

Thursday: Fish-and-chips, mozzarella sticks, french toast with sausage, potato puffs, strawberries and milk.

Friday: Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, bakery pizza, baked chicken nuggets, corn, pears and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs, baked chicken nuggets, nachos with taco, meat and cheese sauce, green beans, pineapple and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, steak and cheese sub, peas, peaches and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey with stuffing two

hot dogs, bakery pizza, mashed potato, cranberry sauce and milk.

Thursday: Fish-and-chips, cheeseburger with chips, chicken McSchool, potato puffs, fruit, milk and brownie for dessert.

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches with reduced-fat cheetos, baked chicken nuggets, bakery pizza, corn, strawberries and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Cheeseburger with chips, chicken broccoli and ziti, bakery pizza, green beans, pineapple and milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday, penne with meat sauce, stuffed crust pizza, peas, peaches and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey with stuffing, spaghetti ilio olio, bakery pizza, mashed potato, cranberry sauce and milk.

Thursday: Fish-and-chips, American chop suey, stuffed crust pizza, potato puffs, fruit, milk and brownie for dessert.

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches with reduced fat Cheetos, spaghetti and meatballs, bakery pizza, corn, strawberries and milk.

Menus subject to change. Lunch prices are: Elementary student \$1.50; adult \$2.25. Secondary student \$1.75 or \$2.50; adult \$2.50 or \$3.25.

Questions? Call Karen Pappa at 978-623-8623.

Read Across Andover

The Andover Education Association announced that the Cat in the Hat will once again be visiting Andover to celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday and the joy of reading. Andover's "Read Across America" adventure into the world of reading will be held next Thursday, March 6 from 6:15 to 8 p.m. at West Middle School.

Children will receive a passport to take them on their reading journey. Ports of call will include creating hats, flags, bookmarks, placemats, necklaces, photos taken in life-size character cutouts, face-painting and more.

After a catnap, the Cat will be ready to visit each elementary school in Andover on Friday, March 7.

He is looking forward to prowling the halls and classrooms, organizers said.

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Backing off

WITH THE STATE NEEDING to eliminate millions – if not billions – in spending, state leaders such as Gov. Mitt Romney and Sen. Sue Tucker of Andover are talking about revamping state government. The status quo needs to change, they admit. It's time to sweep out ineffective and outdated approaches and programs, and replace them with something better.

Faced with budget difficulties of their own, Andover schools had a chance to use this opportunity for change by asking school employees to accept a two-day furlough. Two in-service days – planning days when students do not attend school – would be canceled, and employees would neither work, nor get paid. Superintendent Claudia Bach included such an idea in her preliminary budget, as a way to save some money during a year when teachers are receiving a 5-percent increase, on top of other increases in their contract.

But following comments from tough-talking teachers union president Tom Meyers, that such a request to save \$360,000 was “blackmail,” Bach announced that this idea would not be pursued. These two days may be invaluable to Andover education, and if so they should remain. But Bach's stated reason for keeping them has nothing to do with students' education. She said she's keeping them because other town department workers will not agree to a similar furlough.

That eliminating in-service days was included in the superintendent's preliminary budget indicates these days are less vital to students' education than many other expenses that didn't make the initial draft. That \$360,000 worth of other school programs or workers will now be chopped – before the furlough issue is even discussed – is a mistake.

Just how many school in-service days are needed? How effective are these days to improving education? Do all educators truly see each of these days as more important than other items in the budget? These are the types of questions whose answers might have resulted in a less expensive, but not necessarily less valuable program. They at least merited discussion. They're the types of questions leaders should ask in tough times, even if it ruffles some feathers.

Web question

Good deal or bad: 2 days for \$360K?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Selectmen plan a public hearing to see if residents are accepting of Keno. Lottery proceeds are funding 19 percent (\$1,854,534) of local aid for fiscal year 2003. But is Keno different from lottery tickets? What are your thoughts on Keno?

43 people voted.

• 20, or 47 percent, said “That little game could result in big bucks, not just for those who win, but for towns like Andover. I would not mind if we had dozen of those machines scattered in town.”

• 10, or 23 percent, said “Andover had Keno at Grill 93. I do not think allowing it to come back to the same location will be a problem.”

• 5, or 12 percent, said “If Andover says yes to Keno it will taint the image of our town and encourage people to gamble.”

• 8, or 19 percent, said “If Andover allows Keno, who could say what else this will encourage?”

This week's Web question:

Superintendent Claudia Bach withdrew her plan for a school-wide furlough to save \$360,000 from next year's budget. The furlough would have meant closing down the schools during two in-service days, with employees not receiving pay. Now the cuts will have to be made somewhere else. Is Bach placing labor concerns over education concerns?

• The furlough would have saved a lot of money and some programs. It's too bad Bach is no longer seeing things from that point of view.

• I think non-essential town departments should consider a furlough. Bach said if the town side did it she would do it, too.

• Teachers aren't paid enough as it is. It wouldn't be fair to ask them to lose two days' pay.

• In these hard economic times when so many taxpayers are out of work, two days' pay is a small sacrifice when going to a greater good.

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsmen.com.

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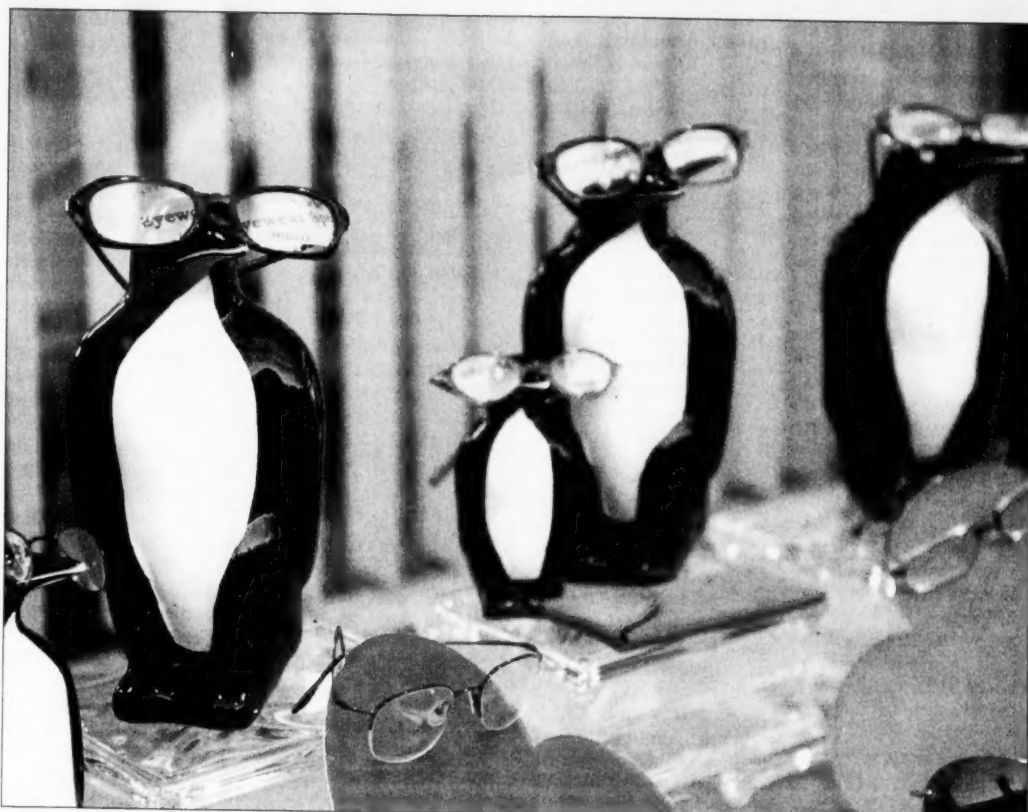
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COOL SHADES



Anyone walking by Andover Optical on Main Street can see it's bitterly cold outside this winter.

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LETTERS

Health education keeps kids safe

Editor, *Townsmen*:

It will be a sad commentary on Andover's priorities if the school health-education curriculum is eliminated for budgetary reasons.

Few parents would think twice about securing a guarantee of good physical and mental health if it could be offered at the birth of a child. Of course, there are no guarantees. There are, however, award-winning health-education programs that strongly influence choices and behavior throughout adolescence and into adulthood, long after facts, figures and historical dates have been forgotten. Information, it can be said, is more easily acquired than good health habits and decision-making ability. A student admitted into a highly rated college can be instantly detoured, or worse, by an episode of binge drinking, an eating disorder or an unsafe sexual experience.

“If you have your health you have everything,” the saying goes. Unfortunately, it takes experiencing or witnessing pain and suffering to believe it. The town of Andover has had a decrease in at-risk behavior among its youth during the last several years. This is not by chance or luck.

It is because of an outstanding health-education curriculum, and the efforts of a dedicated Youth Services Department.

Carole Chanler
40 Gray Road

Snow tunnels: A dangerous game

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The photo in last week's *Townsmen* of two kids digging tunnels in the snow gave me goose bumps. More than 20 years ago my two kids were doing the same thing after a big storm and the tunnel collapsed. If a neighbor hadn't been outside to hear my son's call for help, the consequences could have been dire. Instead of “Beware of snowbanks” your headline should have read “Beware of snow tunnels.”

Joanne Snyder
7 Crestwood Drive

About ‘Thursday File’

Steve MacDowall started the file two years ago and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site for his creation is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

Guest column: State health and human services

Retooling how we help



Sen. Sue Tucker

As Senate Chair of the Human Service and Elderly Affairs Committee, I have yet to meet a client, human-service worker or taxpayer who believes the current system represents either the best use of the human-service dollar or the most effective approach to helping families.

That's because our state does not have a customer-based human-service delivery system. Families are often sent from office to office, from town to town, from caseworker to caseworker, for the help they need.

It's a system rife with duplication, lack of coordination and bureaucracy, spread across 201 state human-service offices. Most human-service agencies have their own area offices, regional offices and state offices replete with their own directors, intake and assessment personnel, budget analysts, job developers, investigators and housing placement personnel, to name just a few.

Aside from the 201 state agency offices, there are hundreds of facilities that actually deliver services, such as the courts, health clinics, homeless shelters, child-care centers, training centers, and non-profit agencies. Remarkably, none of the computers within these agencies talk to one another, even if they deal with the same client.

For children and their families in need of state help, our schools are the pivotal public entities that drown in the middle of this alphabet soup of agencies. Ask any special-education director how much time and money are expended to find state help for a single troubled child... then multiply by thousands! That's why the Massachusetts Association of School Committees listed “coordination and collaboration of children's services” as one of six steps public policy makers must take to significantly improve urban schools.

The lack of coordination and bureaucracy

results in an inefficient system that underserves the state's most vulnerable – a situation that should offend all citizens, liberal and conservative. Many providers estimate the staff of a single eight-bed residential facility spends 40 hours per week just to keep records and fill out duplicative reports for multiple state and federal agencies. In this age of technology, it's inexcusable and outrageous, especially when people who work directly with troubled families and the disabled are grossly underpaid due to lack of funding, many earning scarcely more than minimum wage.

Above all, we must resist blaming these problems on those dedicated souls who toil in our state and non-profit human-service agencies, whether their job title is Commissioner or Personal Care Attendant. The state and federal government helped to create this monster by insisting on separate funding streams and line items for specific problems, guaranteeing a silo mentality instead of a holistic approach to human services.

If we want real change and reform, I suggest a few guiding principles:

- Emphasize the creation of a “No Wrong Door,” customer-focused, integrated service system, and not simply cutting the human-services budget. Efficiencies and less bureaucracy will inevitably follow any authentic client-centered reform. Use the savings to offer better wages and training which, in turn, will result in less need for non-value-added regulation.

- Benchmark and build on what we already know, from models both inside and outside Massachusetts. For example, we know when the state, community, and schools work together to provide wrap-around services for a troubled child, we get better results for less money.

- Harness the expertise and energy of any client or provider who is genuinely interested in improving the system instead of protecting turf. They are the best sources on where the gaps exist and what really works for people.

- Understand change will require an incremental approach and a long-term commitment on behalf of the administration, legislature and community leaders.

The politics of change always involve winners and losers and in this battle, the only losers will be the turf-huggers. The winners will be the clients, the caregivers and the taxpayers.

State Sen. Sue Tucker of Andover is the senate chairwoman of the Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee.

THE THURSDAY FILE

Each one of us has a fire in our heart for something. It's our goal in life to find it and to keep it lit.

MARY LOU RETTON

Do not be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

The best gift a father can give to his son is the gift of himself – his time.

C. NEIL STRAIT

Some people are making such thorough preparation for rainy days that they aren't enjoying today's sunshine.

WILLIAM FEATHER

Recently, I was asked if I was going to fire an employee who made a mistake that cost the company \$600,000. No, I replied, I just spent \$600,000 training him. Why would I want somebody to hire his experience?

THOMAS JOHN WATSON SR.

A man of courage never wants weapons.

ENGLISH PROVERB

There are two kinds of people in the world: the Givers and the Takers. The difference between the two is that the Takers eat well, and the Givers sleep well at night.

JOY MILLS

It isn't what they say about you, it's what they whisper.

ERROL FLYNN

Eleanor Roosevelt quotation

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, “I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.” You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

Best quotation sent

It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory.

W. EDWARDS DEMING

LETTERS

Open letter to Bush on peace

Editor, *Townsmen*:
Dear Mr. President:

I read several published stories about your reaction to Americans and citizens of the world who oppose your approach to disarming Iraq. It is clear that while you respect a citizen's right to express an opinion on Iraq, you respectfully disagree with those who believe that America's apparent determination to wage war and occupy another sovereign nation is wrong. I respect your right as a citizen to openly express opinions and as president to do what you believe is right for America.

But, Mr. President, I am troubled by comments attributed to you in an article published by the Reuters News Service on Feb. 18 ("Bush shrugs off global antiwar protests"). You are quoted as saying, "Evidently some people in the world don't view Saddam as a risk to peace."

Who are the "people in the world" to whom you were referring? I can assure you they were not among the 20 people who demonstrated in opposition to the pending war in Iraq on Saturday Feb. 15, in Andover, Mass. There is no doubt that Saddam Hussein is a resourceful tyrant who has ruled Iraq with an iron hand, viciously suppressed political uprisings, and sought weapons of mass destruction.

However, does the "risk to peace" Saddam Hussein allegedly presents to the world justify an American preemptive war and occupation?

As you well know, risks to peace abound in the world today: continuing tensions between India and Pakistan in the Kashmir region; the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; the black market in unaccounted-for weapons-grade enriched uranium and plutonium from the former Soviet Union; continued insurgency by warlords in Afghanistan; Osama bin Laden's calls for jihad against America; unrest in Northern Ireland; documented nuclear build-up in North Korea; Al Qaeda insurgency around the world. And there are many more. Are we planning wars to address all of these and other "risks to peace"? If Iraq is to be the new

Don't save technology at the cost of other education

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Although I do not currently have children in the Andover Public Schools, I follow the school budget process closely. I am well aware of the serious cuts facing the school system for FY 2004 and the difficult choices now being made. Despite the major reductions proposed in many areas of the curriculum, there is one area that appears to remain relatively intact – the budget for technology. The desire for significant cuts in technology at the elementary level to preserve a wider range of offerings was expressed repeatedly during the recent public budget forums. In light of this input, the administration's decision to maintain the \$800,000 technology line item is surprising. I suggest the decision be reconsidered and the technology budget reduced.

I don't think the budget should continue to fund 5% elementary technology positions. This staff currently helps teachers integrate computers into the classrooms, a nice addition, but hardly essential in tough economic times. But rather than eliminate these positions, next year this staff will supervise some sort of computer instruction to provide elementary teachers planning time that will be lost due to cuts in other educational programs. It just doesn't make sense to cut classroom time with teachers in the other

subjects with well-developed curricula, yet continue to fund time in a computer-lab environment. Especially to practice computer basics such as keyboarding, since there is no system-wide technology curriculum at the elementary level. And especially because most of the children can and do learn keyboarding at home.

Despite major reductions in many areas, there is one area that remains relatively intact – technology.

I also do not understand why the technology positions are being maintained at the elementary level but have been eliminated at the middle schools and will be cut at Andover High from six to two positions. Teaching higher-level skills and applications in the upper grades seems more critical. At the very least, continuing the applied technology offerings at Andover High would help students obtain the 7.5 credits the School Committee desires but is increasingly unable to provide.

Finally, I am concerned the continued support for the technology budget may be driven by a plan to eventually expand dis-

trict-wide the pilot laptop computer program presently offered at South and West elementary schools. Although a number of districts across the country as well as the state of Maine are exploring and/or offering laptop programs, the case for why computer-aided instruction is better is very weak, according to my online research. Most claims of benefit are anecdotal rather than based on well-designed research, and pilot programs so far have not offered convincing evidence of improved educational outcomes. Further, laptops are ergonomically incorrect and greatly increase the risk of repetitive stress injury, which can be crippling. The American Occupational Therapy Association recommends limiting children's use of laptops to no more than one hour per day, and only then if using an external keyboard and mouse. Given these issues, it hardly seems to be the time to commit precious limited resources to an unproven new program, which may very well turn out to be the latest version of the "new math" fiasco of the 1970s. Or to cut in other curriculum areas to keep staff in place for a later roll-out of such a program.

For these many reasons, I urge reconsideration and a reduction of the technology budget.

Maria Bartlett
20 Bateson Drive

Commitment due if education paid

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I would like to comment on the issue of tuition reimbursement for continuing education of administrators raised in last week's *Townsmen* ("Reimbursement continues for continuing ed," page 8). As a candidate for School Committee, I support the new assistant superintendent of schools' efforts to obtain a doctorate in education. Pursuits such as this positively impact Andover's schools by creating highly-educated personnel and encouraging innovation. However, I also believe that simple steps can and should be taken to protect Andover's investment in such personnel.

In the business world, companies routinely require employees to work for a certain period of time to be eligible for full tuition reimbursement. Employment contracts often state that if

the employee fails to stay for a specified period of time after receiving his or her degree (with such timeframe negotiated between the employer and employee), the employee must reimburse the company for the tuition it has paid.

If such a clause were included in Andover's contracts, the investment could be better protected. While I realize this may not be the biggest budget-busting item, in these tough economic times every dollar counts and when we can take steps to protect Andover's investment in our schools, we need to do so.

Arthur H. Barber
Sparta Way

The Townsman will not publish letters about candidates in the issue prior to the election.

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by Richard D. Hopgood, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.

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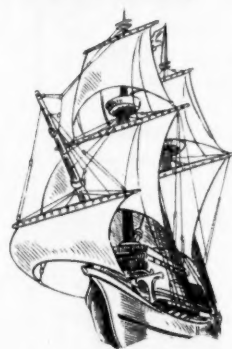
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OBITUARIES

Nicolas J. Ricci Sr.

Former resident ran variety stores in Lawrence in the 1950s

Nicolas J. Ricci, 85, of Newburyport and formerly of Andover, died Saturday, Feb. 15 at home.

He owned a fruit market in Quincy and previously ran many variety stores in Lawrence in the 1950s and worked at Robert's Market and the Canteen Corp. at Raytheon.

He was born in Quincy.

Mr. Ricci was one of five brothers who served in World War II. He served in the Army airborne division in France during World War II.

He was a member of St. Augustine Church.

He was the widower of Bernadette A. (Gingras) Ricci, to whom he was married for 60 years. She died in 2001.

Members of his family include his sons, Nicolas J. Ricci Jr. and his wife, Beverly, of Methuen, and Arthur J. Ricci and his wife, Jamie, of Haverhill; a daughter, Sharon L. Pattullo and her husband, Donald, of Newburyport; a sister, Mary Ricci of Braintree; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Thomas A. Emmons Jr.

Was sales manager, business consultant

Thomas A. Emmons Jr., 63, of Andover, died Saturday, Feb. 22 at home.

Born in Brookline and raised in Andover, he graduated from Boston University with a bachelor of science degree in public relations.

He worked for George S. May International Co., as a regional sales manager.

Later he worked as a business consultant to businesses in the area and, more recently, as a security guard for Analog Devices of Wilmington.

He was a published poet.

Members of his family include his wife, Pamela; a son, Thomas A. Emmons III of Coraopolis, Pa.; daughters, Ellen P. and her husband Derek

Sutcliffe, Mary E. and her husband Abed Jamous and Patricia A. and her husband Timothy Hall, all of Harwich; a sister, Barbara W. Hancorn of Melrose; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery, North Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the Boys & Girls Town, P.O. Box 7000, Boys Town, NE 68010.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Mary Maloof

At age 95

Mary (Moured) Maloof, 95, of Andover, died Friday, Feb. 21 at Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley.

She also lived in North Andover, Boston, Dedham, and Harvard.

She was the widow of John Maloof Sr.

Members of her family include her son, John Maloof and his wife Katrin; daughters, Janice and her husband Ralph Goodell, Elise Vaun Hefflynn and Diane True; a brother, Emile Moured; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Macular Degeneration Foundation, P.O. Box 531313, Henderson, NV 89053; or The Myositis Association, 755 Cantrell Ave C, Harrisonburg, VA 22801; or the American Heart Association, 7772 Granville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

William T. Foley

Was retired truck driver

William T. Foley, 80, of Lawrence, died Friday, Feb. 21 at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Born in Amesbury, he attended Amesbury and Lawrence grammar schools and graduated from Lawrence High School.

Mr. Foley was a truck driver at the Wipex Co., and recently at Capitol Distributors in Dracut until his retirement.

He was a member of numerous bowling leagues and at one time was named state champion.

He was a member of the Teamsters Local 49.

Members of his family

include his wife of 55 years, Karlene R. (Fosberg) Foley of Lawrence; sons, John Foley and William Foley, both of Lawrence; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence.

Denise C. MacDonald

Retired Boston teacher

Denise C. MacDonald, 62, of Winthrop, died Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, after a long battle with cancer.

Ms. MacDonald was born in Boston to Rita F. (Shugrue) MacDonald of Andover and the late Daniel J. MacDonald.

She graduated from the Girls Latin School in Boston, Tufts University in Medford, Boston University, where she earned a master's degree in education, and Babson College, where she graduated with a master's degree in business.

She was a school teacher for the Boston public school system for many years. She retired in June 2001.

Family members said, "Denise loved her family and friends and held a special place in her heart for the opera, as well as traveling."

She was a member of the Boston Opera Club and a volunteer for the Boston Lyric Opera.

Besides her mother, members of her family include her siblings, Neil G. MacDonald of Andover, Linda M. Noel and her husband Peter of Windham, N.H., and Michael P. MacDonald and his wife Christine of Newton; her aunt, Veronica R. Burke of Andover; a cousin, Margot F. Burke of Houston, Texas; and five nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts

DEATHS

Margaret W. Cairnie, 87
F. Kendall Cummings, 78
Thomas A. Emmons Jr., 63
William T. Foley, 80
Beatrice M. Houde, 84
Denise C. MacDonald, 62
Mary Maloof, 95
Margaret Moss, 78
Nicolas J. Ricci, 85
Arthur F. Riopelle, 78
Michael A. Tellier, 48

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

HOUE - Beatrice M. (Berg-eron) Houde, 84, of Lawrence, died Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Members of her family include her son and his wife, Roland R. and Barbara W. Houde of Andover.

RIOPELLE - Arthur F. Riopelle, 78, of Seabrook, N.H., died Tuesday, Feb. 25 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Prior to his retirement, he worked at Raytheon in West Andover.

Margaret W. Cairnie

Was a member of Free Christian Church

Margaret W. (Waldie) Cairnie, 87, of Andover, died Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Lawrence General Hospital.

She was a member of Free Christian Church in Andover, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Socialites Club at the Andover Commons.

She was the widow of Ernest J. Cairnie.

Members of her family include a son, William J. Cairnie and his wife, Sharon, of New Portland, Maine; a daughter, Jean Wood and her husband, James, of Tewksbury; brothers, James Waldie and Charles Waldie, both of Methuen, and Archibald Waldie of Pinehurst, N.C.; sisters, Georgina Sanborn, Elizabeth Madison, Agnes Ratcliffe and Barbara Ross, all of Andover, and Isobel Bolduc of Rumford, R.I.; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Margaret Moss

Local service March 19

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, March 19, at 9 a.m. at St. Robert's Church in Andover, for Margaret (LaPlante) Moss.

Mrs. Moss, 78, died Wednesday, Feb. 5 in Rockford Memorial Hospital in Rockford, Ill.

She was born in Lawrence. Members of her family

include her husband, Arthur "Bill" Moss; sons, Bill Moss and his wife, Faye, of Marco Island, Fla., and Robert Moss and his wife, Sandy, of Quincy; a brother, Scott LaPlante of Ridott; sisters, Irene Schultz of North Chicago, Lorraine Pate-naude of Deltona, Fla., and Pen-nie Couture of Andover; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Michael A. Tellier

AHS '73 grad was a software engineer

Michael A. Tellier, 48, of Washington, N.H., died Tuesday, Feb. 18 at home.

He was a software engineer for X.Y. Enterprise in Wakefield for many years.

Born in Lawrence, he graduated from Andover High School in 1973 and attended Lowell Technical College.

Mr. Tellier was a member of White Mountain Traditional Bow Hunters.

Members of his family include his mother, Ellen M. (Dollar) Shaw of North Reading; brothers, James J. Tellier of North Reading, Thomas E. Tellier of Washington, N.H., and Dennis Shaw of Revere; sisters, Cathleen E. Day of North Andover, Cindy A. Goodwin of Stoneham and Carol Price of Wakefield; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were private and under the direction of Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow St., North Reading.

OBITUARIES ARE RECEIVED FROM FUNERAL HOMES & FAMILY MEMBERS

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1903

Rafferty, who has been elected captain of the Yale Varsity football team, came into promise as a football player while at Phillips Andover Academy.

Among the candidates for town office, where there is a contest, there is a girding up of loins for the last lap of the race, with the town meeting day only a week ahead.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor society held a

business meeting and social at the South Church vestry last evening.

A number of young ladies and gentlemen from town will attend the dance under the auspices of the Eastern Star, next Wednesday evening in Lawrence.

From the editorials: It is a great while since a warrant for the annual town meeting has contained so little to provoke discussion as it does this year.

It is stated on good authority

that the American Degreasing Co., which recently purchased the Smith & Dove mills in Fry Village, will dispose of the property in Andover to some of its stockholders, and that a new company with a smaller capital will be organized to operate the mills.

75 Years Ago - 1928

A hearing on the proposed zoning by-law prepared by the Planning Board which will be presented for the approval of the

voters at the annual Town Meeting was held last evening in the lower Town hall with Professor Charles H. Forbes, chairman, presiding. The meeting was attended by about forty men, the women voters apparently taking little interest in this important movement.

A crowd which taxed the Town Hall to its utmost capacity gathered last Friday night for the third annual ball of the Police-man's Relief Association.

Miss Agnes Thin of High Street has left the employ of Maryland Mill and is now at the Raven Beauty Parlor on Park Street, where she will be glad to meet her old customers as well as new ones.

Wood fires give quick comfort on chilly mornings and a full cord of hardwood, all sawed, costs only \$13. Kindling wood, four baskets \$1.

Andover has its first cast of diphtheria in 26 months. The patient is a child 2½ years old.

Andover has probably never heard a more beautiful recital than that played in the George Washinton Auditorium last Wednesday by Pablo Casals.

50 Years Ago - 1953

Voters of the town will decide whether the meetings of the selectmen will be open to the public or remain closed as they are at present.

- Compiled by Townsman intern Kyra Auffermann

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK

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The town recently posted an item on its Web site regarding "frequently asked snow removal questions" and reports that residents can bring a bucket or pail to the town yard on Lewis Street and fill it with the sand/salt mix used on roads. However, residents should not bring those buckets during a snowstorm. Officials say the yard is too busy using heavy equipment and it could be dangerous. Bucket-bringing residents should visit between storms.

— Judy Wakefield

Airborne in April

The Andover Youth Services is looking to start a middle school Ultimate Frisbee program. The program is slated to start April 1 and run through May 13. The team would meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5 for the duration of the program, excluding the following dates: April 17, 22 and April 24 (due to school vacation). These "practice" dates may be substituted with scrimmages with local teams.

There is also the possibility of traveling to other Massachusetts towns that have middle-school Ultimate programs. The season would come to a close with a trip to the Amherst Middle School Ultimate Invitational Tournament on Sunday, May 18 in Amherst.

The cost of the program is \$50 and includes an Andover Ultimate Frisbee T-shirt, travel expenses and six weeks of fast-paced, fun-filled Ultimate Frisbee excitement.

Interested parties should contact Tony Lombardi at Andover Youth Services. He can be reached by e-mail at: AYS@town.andover.ma.us; or by phone at 978-623-8241.

Girls are in their own Zone

Six local agencies that serve girls in the communities of Andover and Lawrence will host a first-of-its-kind local celebration and meeting for girls aged 8 to 17 at the YWCA of Greater Lawrence this Saturday, March 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day will end with a girl-hosted press conference 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., where the girls will talk about what happened at Girls' Zone and the issues they addressed that day.

Sponsored by Girl Scouts Spar and Spindle, the YWCA of Greater Lawrence, Adelante, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC), Lawrence Family Development Charter School and the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, "Girls' Zone: Extreme Excellence" will bring together 100 girls from Andover and Lawrence in a day-long conference.

Girls' Zone, designed by participating girls with the help of professional staff, will enable girls from different communities to come together to share their experiences, interests, concerns and talents in a structured and fun environment.

... And women's spheres of power

In honor of women's history month, Max Dashu, independent scholar and founder of the Suppressed Histories Archives, will give a slide lecture entitled "Women's Power" on Sunday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover.



Max Dashu

In her lecture she will present an international feast of creative and indomitable women, famous and anonymous, ancient and modern: leaders, founders, clan mothers, culture-makers, healers, holy women, builders, farmers, market women, musicians, doctors, witches, mystics, writers, educators, athletes, pirates, warriors, mavericks, rebels, activists, and liberators.

This collection of rare and provocative images has been seen by hundreds of audiences over the past 25 years. It offers an introduction to women's history but still gives seasoned scholars much to digest, organizers said. The lecture surveys female spheres of power as well as women who defied the strictures of patriarchy, class and racial caste.

Dashu has photographed more than 10,000 slides and created 80 slideshows on international women's history, which she has presented all over North America. She has acted as historical consultant for a variety of projects, including Donna Deitch's film *Woman to Woman* and the San Francisco Women's Building mural project. She is also an artist who publishes prints and notecards highlighting powerful women.

Dashu's lecture is part of the eighth annual Women's Spirituality Series, a program offered by the Adult Education Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Take a sojourn through history

The Andover Historical Society announced the next in its new program series, Sunday Sojourns Through Andover History, a survey of Andover's long and eventful history from the Native American presence to the 21st century. The program series runs one Sunday afternoon a month at 2 p.m. Special guest speakers present each month. The program series continues Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m. with a lecture by Carol Majahad, executive director of the North Andover Historical Society. Majahad's presentation, "The Settlement of Andover," will explore who the first European settlers in Andover were, where they settled and how they lived. Admission to the program series is \$10; \$5 for Historical Society members.

The program series continues through spring 2003. On Sunday, April 6, Juliet Mofford, the Historical Society's director of education and research, will present "The Andover Witch Hunt of 1692."

On May 4, Ruth Quattlebaum, archivist, teacher and historian at Phillips Academy, will discuss Andover Hill History, on the founding of Phillips Academy, Andover Theological Seminary, the Missionary Endeavor, and printing establishments.

For further information, call 978-475-2236, or visit the Web site at www.andhist.org.

European sports car photographs hanging in well-known historical house

Father-son photography show pairs with Historical Society

By Judy Wakefield

COMBINING A PASSION for European sports cars with a passion for spending time together has resulted in an Andover father-son photography show that dazzles as much as a Jaguar dashboard.

It's a different exhibit for the Andover Historical Society, which is hosting the show, called "Vintage Automobiles." Some 40 photographs taken by Steven B. Leed, owner of Royal Jewelers on Main Street, and his 12-year-old son, Bernard J. Leed II, make up the show. The show opens tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 28 at the Historical Society on Main Street with the opening reception set for 7 to 9 p.m.

"Call it my James Dean era," Steven Leed said while hustling around the main room of the Society's Amos Blanchard House to install the exhibit earlier this week.

"It's a time capsule thing, that's what's great about this... I'm behind a fancy steering wheel wearing a T-shirt with the sleeves rolled up," he says with a wide smile before drifting off in admiration of a photograph of a sleek, red Ferrari.

Still, who would expect to find the glamorous photographs of Ferraris, Jaguars, Porsches, Morgans and Mercedes hanging in the Amos Blanchard House, built in 1885? The old American home would seem to have little connection to hot European sports cars. But museum direc-



Bernard J. Leed, 12, and his father, Steven B. Leed, have a joint exhibit called "Vintage Automobiles" at the Historical Society. Below are some of their photos.

tor Elaine Clements Zopes, said that contradiction is appealing and she encourages local artists to get involved with the Society whenever possible.

"Yes, this is a first for us, and that's nice to say," she replied when talking about hanging photographs of European sports cars in one of Andover's best-known historical houses.

"Sure, we typically have works by water colorists and pastel painters. But, this is part of our contemporary artists series. And, it's very contempo-

rary," she said.

The Leeds took the photographs at various car shows that included visits to Pebble Beach and the annual vintage car show held at the Crane Estate in Ipswich.

There are no "whole car" photographs included, Steve explained, as he believes the coolest part of the cars are "the pieces."

"Cars are all about design and speed," he said. "It's the curved fenders, wooden steering wheels, nice grills... this is a dif-

ferent perspective on automobiles that you will see at this exhibit."

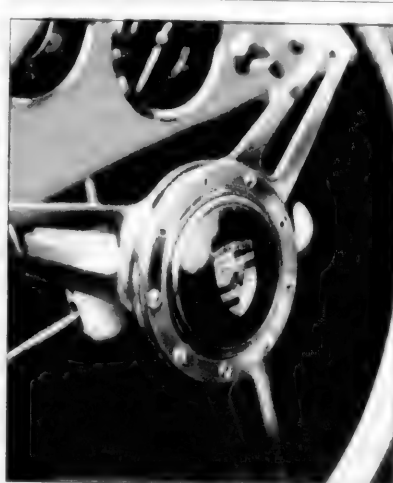
He said his passion for photography "comes and goes" but he's delighted his son has taken to it. Bernard, who attends Pike School, is getting more interested as time goes on and that provides a wonderful walk down memory lane for his father.

"My father taught me photography," Steven Leed said. "Growing up on Juniper Road, I remember a snowstorm like the ones we've had this winter, and I set up a tripod in the driveway to take some photographs. It was great to be with my dad and now my son has the same interest."

Bernard's photographs in the show are different than his father's, as the younger photographer does not avoid shadows and backgrounds. In a photograph of a Porsche, a viewer can see the photographer's shadow on the car. The palm trees of Pebble Beach and clouds in the sky are noticeable in other photographs.

Steven Leed's work focuses specifically on the pieces of the car.

Clements Zopes said the public can enjoy the show during regular museum hours through April. It closes April 30.



From here to Timbuktu

By Ben Hellman

Two years ago Mary Murphy didn't know where Mali was. Last month, she got a first-hand look at the west-African country when she visited their son Joshua, who is on a 25-month Peace Corps assignment there.

Mary, her husband, Jerry, and their other son, Ethan, got a first-class tour of Mali. First class in Mali still means no electricity or running water in most places, but everywhere they went, the Murphys had the red carpet rolled out for them. "We felt like visiting dignitaries," said Jerry.

When the Murphys arrived in Josh Murphy's village, the elders called a meeting in a large meeting hut, offering lengthy greetings in the native language, Bambara. The Murphys relied on Josh, who is fluent in Bambara. Then they exchanged gifts with the village elders. The Murphys brought 50 pounds of rice, a luxury good in the poor country, said Jerry Murphy.

After that, there was dancing — two or more hours of dancing. Everyone wore their best clothes, brilliantly colored Malian prints. Joshua had the village tailor make outfits for his family to wear and they danced along while Jerry videotaped the festivities.

Joshua lives in a village of 500 people. He is the only foreign aid worker in the village and has been embraced as a member of the community. Walking around Joshua's village Jerry, Mary and Ethan Murphy were introduced to most of the locals. "I think Josh is running for office," Jerry joked. Malian etiquette requires a person to ask about the



Mary and Joshua Murphy in Mali. The Peace Corps celebrates its 42nd anniversary Feb. 28.

health of all the relatives of the person they are speaking to. This is done individually. "They're not in a hurry," said Jerry.

Then Joshua took the family to Bamako, the capital of Mali, and the cities of Djenné and Timbuktu. Most people get to Timbuktu by plane, but the Murphys rode there by car. "The road to Timbuktu is not a road, it's just desert," said Jerry.

In Djenné, the Murphys saw a mosque they were told is the tallest standing structure built of mud in the world. The mosque in Djenné has to be repaired every year after the rainy season. The Murphys weren't intimidated to be in a Muslim country. "They're very peaceful people," said Mary.

Joshua graduated from Tufts in 2001 with a degree in psychology and a community health certificate. He joined the Peace Corps a few months after he graduated. In Mali, he assists the villagers in water purification.

HIV/AIDS education and other health issues.

In Mali tradition, meals are eaten from "the common bowl," said Jerry. Teaching villagers the importance of washing their hands before they eat has been one of Joshua's crusades. He has also encouraged them to stick to their side of the bowl to decrease spreading germs.

Mali sits on the edge of the Sahara desert. It is one of the five poorest countries in the world, with a high infant-mortality rate. "A lot of the kids die," said Jerry.

Mary says Joshua misses friends and family. He also misses cheese. She buys macaroni and cheese packages and sends him the cheese. They say Joshua is happy and enjoying his assignment. "He's really thriving there," said Jerry.

Joshua will be back in the United States in November.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS

Joy W.
He

Joy W. He was born Feb. 8 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. She lives with her parents, Dahui and Xingbai He, and her sister, Ran He, all of Andover. Joy is a very happy and active girl who enjoys exploring new things. She also loves to play with Bailey, her kitten.

Caroline Helen
Fraser

Caroline Helen Fraser turned 1 on Feb. 3. She lives with her parents, Carol-Ann and John Fraser, her sister, Julia, 7, and brother, Jack, 4, on Pleasant Street. Her grandparents are Elinor C. Fraser of Andover, Helen Tardano of Abington and Donald Tardano of Northport, Fla. She loves to play with her sister, brother and Copper the kitty. She likes to dance, sing, talk, eat and listen to music.

Lauren Elinor
Fraser

Lauren Elinor Fraser celebrated her first birthday Feb. 18. Her parents are Paul and Laurie Fraser of Scotland Drive. Grandparents are Elinor Fraser of Andover and Lorraine Carvalho of Woburn. Lauren loves food, books, music and playing with her sister and brother, Katherine, 5, and Connor, 8. Lauren and Caroline Fraser (at left) are cousins and send each other birthday wishes.

Alexander David
Mazelsky

Alexander David Mazelsky celebrated her first birthday on Feb. 19. She is the daughter of Constance and Jay Mazelsky of Ashford Lane. Grandparents are Robert and Patricia Coontz of Alexandria, Va., and Robert and Sydele Mazelsky of Monroeville, Pa. His favorite activities are reading, playing with Daddy's printer and megablocks, and bird-watching.

Brooke Olivia
Durbeck

Brooke Olivia Durbeck turned 1 on Feb. 11. She is the daughter of Richard and Lisa Durbeck of Wildrose Drive. Grandparents are Chester and Debby Rudman of Chestnut Hill, Ed Durbeck of Oceanside, Calif., and Carmina Durbeck of Medford. She joins big sisters, Rachel, 6, Julia, 5, and Heidi, 2.

Shane Patrick
Reddy

Shane Patrick Reddy celebrated his first birthday Feb. 19. His parents are John and Kim (Sullivan) Reddy of Franklin. Godparents are James Sullivan of Andover and Danielle Sullivan of Hudson, N.H. Grandparents are Bruce and Dorothy Birnie of Danvers and John and Jane Terruso of Hudson, N.H. Shane enjoys playing with his sister and brother, Mikayla, 7 and Cameron, 4.

James Robert
Kochakian

James Robert Kochakian turned 1 on Feb. 1. He is the son of Jim and Michelle Kochakian of Tewksbury. Grandparents are Charlie and Liz Kochakian of Andover and Joe and Sally Romano of Keene, N.H. His great-grandfather, Joseph Romano, lives in Keene, N.H. James always has a smile on his face and loves to walk and climb stairs. His father graduated from Andover High School.

Peter John
Radulski Jr.

Peter John Radulski Jr. celebrated his first birthday Feb. 1. He is the son of Peter and Nicole Radulski of Crescent Drive. Grandparents are Virginia Healy-Tangney of Duxbury, and Rosemary and Walter Radulski of North Andover, formerly of Andover. Great-grandparents are Virginia and Lawrence Healy of Roslindale and Ann Tangney of Milton. He loves reading books, playing with his grandparents' dog, Sparky, and spending time with his cousin, Ashley.

Julianna Lindsey
Barbaro

Julianna Lindsey Barbaro celebrated her first birthday Feb. 4. She is the daughter of Linda Stow-Barbaro and Stephen Barbaro of Cross Street. Grandparents are John and Jeanette Stow of Andover, James Barbaro of Saugus and Katherine Williams of Malden. Julianna's favorite activities include visiting with Grandma and Grandpa, reading books, playing musical toys, dancing to music, looking at pictures, and most of all taking a bath with her rubber duckie.

Edward James
Gorrie

Edward James Gorrie celebrated his first birthday Feb. 7. He is the son of Dottie and Ted Gorrie. Grandparents are Rose Gorrie of Andover and Dorothy and Francis Crowley of Medford. Edward joins Elizabeth, 8, Katherine, 5, and Charlotte, 3.

Haley Jessica
Brenner

Haley Jessica Brenner celebrated her first birthday on Feb. 9. She is the daughter of Erik and Sue (Bromberg) Brenner of Wilmington. Grandparents are Ellie Bromberg of Andover and Ruth and Warren Brenner of Sharon. Haley loves to play with her dolls, she likes to read her books, and she even bounces to music.

Claran
Walsh

Claran Walsh celebrated his first birthday Feb. 8. Parents are Margaret and Michael Walsh of Andover. Grandparents are Marie and Bill Walsh of Methuen, and Rose McDonnell of Ireland and the late Owen McDonnell. Claran is a happy baby who enjoys playing games and chasing after his twin brothers, Conor and Rian.

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Helen Thorburn and Karen Brown, two Andover residents, have started a unique new furniture business in the historic town of Lawrence, MA. Helen and Karen, both originally from England, have brought the fine art of hand painted European furniture to Massachusetts with their new business Absolutely Fabulous Furniture. No direct connection of course to the English comedy series Absolutely Fabulous, which stars two zany English women, these two ladies are very serious about their new business venture.

Both ladies are experienced in the Interior Design and Decorating Business.

"We see many people looking for new ideas and unusual pieces of furniture to complete their homes and we are frequently asked to provide designs for new furniture, turning this idea into a business venture seemed a natural progression," says Helen.

The furniture, suitable for all rooms within the home, features a variety of armchairs, day beds, dining chairs, room screens, clocks and many more interesting pieces. The furniture is imported unfinished from Sweden and England and each piece is then individually finished to the highest standard, with beautiful and delicate designs created by Helen and Karen. The results are the most exclusive new furniture pieces currently available in New England!

"We know so many beautiful homes where our pieces would fit perfectly and transform the ordinary into the unique," says Karen.

All pieces can be custom ordered and finished to individual requests. From personalized nightstands to mirrors and Swedish "mora" clocks, there is something for the most discerning home owner.

Along with the furniture collection are English designer fabrics, accessories, and gift items, including a delightful series of limited edition prints. These humorous and detailed framed prints will enhance your home and bring a smile to your face!

Absolutely Fabulous Furniture is situated in the Cotton Weaving House, Canal Street, one of the beautiful old mill buildings, which formerly housed the KGR Clothing Company. Canal Street is part of the Gateway project included in the redevelopment of the city of Lawrence.

Ab-Fab furniture is now open Tuesday to Thursday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. or by appointment. Ab-Fab furniture have recently introduced Decorative painting classes in their Studio initially offering stencil design, stencil cutting, and decoupage, for adults and kids ages 8-15.

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FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Dillon Thomas Smith



Connor Patrick Smith



Jack Patrick Skantzé O'Brien and Elizabeth Lauren Skantzé O'Brien



Maggie Graw



Molly Graw

Dillon Thomas Smith and Connor Patrick Smith celebrated their first birthday Feb. 12. Parents are Stephen and Michelle (Shwetz) Smith of Georgetown. Grandparents are Ron and Carole Shwetz of Methuen, formerly of Andover, and James and Patricia Smith of Gloucester. Great-grandmother is Irene Shwetz of Andover. The twins love to have fun with each other. Dillon enjoys emptying the cupboards onto the kitchen floor and chasing his dog, Kodi. Connor loves to laugh and his favorite activities include climbing stairs and playing with his big green ball.

Jack Patrick Skantzé O'Brien and Elizabeth Lauren Skantzé O'Brien celebrate their first birthday tomorrow, Feb. 28. Parents are Jennifer and Sean O'Brien of South Main Street. Grandparents are Gary and Judy Skantzé of Chester, N.H., Emerita Cody of Madison, Wis. and James and Sheila O'Brien of Harwich. Jack and Elizabeth seem to have their own language – and whatever they are communicating seems to be extremely funny sometimes.

Margaret (Maggie) Anne Graw and Mary (Molly) Ursula Graw celebrated their first birthday Feb. 12. Parents are George and Anne Graw of Enmore Street. Their grandparents are George and Mary Graw of Topsfield and Lawrence and Ursula Tate of Newton Centre. Maggie loves to explore all that is around her and to share her big smile and dimples. Just in time for her birthday, Molly learned to crawl about the house, which she thoroughly enjoys. She loves to sit and read her books or play peek-a-boo.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center:

Tax Assistance: AARP volunteer tax preparers will be available Monday and Friday mornings by appointment at the senior center to help with income taxes. Call the center if you would like to schedule a time for tax assistance.

Exercise Registration: Registration for the spring semester of exercise classes will take place at the center this week. Anyone interested in signing up for Tai Chi, men's exercise, water workout, low-impact aerobics, senior modified yoga, line dance, women's strength training, or cardio conditioning is encouraged to come in while we still have space available.

Mardi Gras Madness: Don't miss out on the fun of our upcoming Mardi Gras celebration scheduled for this Saturday evening, March 1, at 6. Lots of New Orleans style entertainment, food, and excitement. Get a group of friends together, come and enjoy dinner, and swing along to the fabulous sounds of the Mill Street Jazz Band. Tickets are \$10, and will be available only on an advance-purchase basis.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, March 10 we will show the movie *Snow Dogs* at 1 p.m. This funny and entertaining story was recommended and requested by one of our "in-house" movie critics. Reservations are not necessary – just drop in and join us.

Merrimack Repertory Theater: The next play in our subscription series with the Merrimack Repertory Theater will be *The Drawer Boy*. This is a funny, heartwarming, and ultimately heart-wrenching story about a young theater director. We have reserved seating for the 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 23. Tickets purchased through the center are just \$17, and seating is limited.

St. Pat's Party: Come on down and pick up a ticket for our St. Pat's Day celebration Friday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. Music, merriment, and refreshments will be on tap when we treat ourselves to "A Bit Of The Irish" with entertainer Kevin Farley.

Museum of Science Trip: Don't miss out on our upcoming trip to the Museum of Science for the fabulous exhibit "Treasures of Ancient Egypt." This exhibit features the largest selection of ancient artifacts ever loaned for public display outside of Egypt. Boston will be the second stop in North America, and the only venue in the Northeast. Trip cost is \$36, which includes bus transportation, tickets



Shamus Jon Florio



Michael Andrew Long

Shamus Jon Florio turned 1 on Feb. 1. He is the son of Mark and Maryellen Florio of Fosters Pond Road. Grandparents are Jon and Helene Florio of Holyoke and Gerard and Jo Voegel of Katonah, N.Y. Shamus has a contagious smile that engages all. One of his favorite things is playing with his brother, Sager, who turns 3 next month. They enjoy going for walks around Fosters Pond with their family.

Michael Andrew Long celebrated his first birthday on Feb. 23. He is the son of Andrew Long and Maria Ventullo of Rattlesnake Hill Road. Grandparents are Nicholas and Rose Ventullo of Woburn and Richard and Dora Long of Largo, Fla. Michael is a very loving and happy baby who enjoys playing basketball, reading books, laughing at his cats, and relaxing with his Baby Einstein videos.

to the exhibit, and the Omni Theater presentation, *Mysteries of Egypt*.

Computer Classes: A four-session beginner's computer class will be offered beginning Tuesday, March 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. and a three-session introductory Internet course will get underway Friday, March 21. Classes are limited to just six students with everyone having their own computer to work with. Stop into the center if you would like to register for either class.

Cooking Light With Herbs: Rita Wolmering of the Herb Farm will offer a two-session class on cooking with herbs on Tuesday March 11 and 18 at 10 a.m. This will be a "hands-on" class using both fresh and dried herbs to prepare healthy and tasty dishes. Cost is

\$25, which includes instruction and all food materials. Class size is limited; pre-registration is required.

Alzheimer's Support Group: The next meeting of the Alzheimer's support group will be held on Monday evening, March 10 at 7 p.m. All caregivers or anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. For further information, call Kristine Arakelian at the senior center.

AARP: The AARP group will meet again at the center on Tuesday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m. A horticulturist will be on hand to answer your spring planting questions. All are welcome.

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CULTURAL EVENTS

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THE MERRIMACK VALLEY CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES

Sunday, March 2, 2 p.m.

The Merrimack Valley Chorus, a division of Sweet Adelines International, is a women's a cappella chorus with members of many backgrounds and age groups, who reside in the Merrimack Valley.

Their program for March 2 will include: *Chordbusters, Friend Like Me, Candle on the Water, Before the Parade Passes By, Danny Boy, The Lion Sleeps Tonight, April in Paris*, just to name a few.

GENEALOGY MONTH

March 11, 7 p.m.

"IT'S ALL RELATIVE" - How to use Andover's library as your Genealogy Center

Glenda Schaa, Coordinator of Reference Services, Memorial Hall Library

Learn where to start with online genealogy searches as we take a look at what the more popular sites have to offer. Find out what federal, state, and local agencies recommend to broaden the hunt. Plus, what

resources does Memorial Hall Library have in CD-ROMs and print titles that may unlock the secrets to your family tree.

March 18, 7 p.m.

Bridging the Atlantic

David Curtis Dearborn, New England Historic Genealogical Society

This program will be on the pluses and minuses of looking for English ancestors who came to New England in the 1600s, 1700s, and 1800s. How you might find information through naturalizations, ship passenger arrival lists, vital records and other sources. How you might find a treasure-trove of information in probate and land records.

March 19, 9:30 a.m.

Boston's North End: An Immigrant Neighborhood in the Nineteenth Century

Patrick Leehey, research director of the Paul Revere House in Boston

This slide lecture concentrates on the history of Boston's North End neighborhood from about 1840 to about 1920, when it was home to successive waves of immigrants. The first to arrive were the Irish, fleeing famine at home. In the late 19th century, they were followed by Jews from Eastern Europe and Russia, escaping persecution and economic discrimination.

The last major ethnic group to settle in the North End were the Italians, mostly from overcrowded areas of southern Italy and Sicily, who arrived in large numbers in the early 20th century. The program examines the difficulties faced by each ethnic group in turn in adapting to their new home, and some of their often innovative efforts to help themselves. The lecture concludes with a brief history of the Paul Revere House during these years, when like many of the surrounding buildings, it became a tenement with storefronts on the ground floor.

March 25, 7 p.m.

Search through the Mormon Family History Centers

Helen Schatvet Ullmann, associate editor of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register

Learn about the various resources available at the Mormon Family History Library par-



Helen Ullmann

ticularly the Historical Library Catalog, International Genealogical Index, and the Pedigree Resource File. She will demonstrate how to use these tools to locate microfilm of records all over the world which can be ordered and used at a Mormon Family History Center.

Other genealogy resources

There will also be available genealogy resource guides, circulating book lists, Web sites, and state and local information materials. These lectures are free.

Sunday, March 9, 2 p.m.

'ORIENTALS' of the SILK ROUTE

John B. Gregorian will arm attendees with some insights and spirit that could change the "hunt for a rug" from an uncomfortable, intimidating experience into a pleasurable and challenging one. It is Gregorian's view that an oriental rug purchase should be based on how it appeals to your intuition and soul, to your aesthetic sensibility, not the merchant's. Gregorian will give his expert advice for the rug-buyer, how to evaluate quality and price, a discussion on buying and trading customs with tips on negotiating a purchase, and ideas on decorating with oriental rugs.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

March 17, 10:30 a.m.
REVERE BEACH ELEGY,
Roland Merullo

GREAT BOOKS

March 11, 7:30 p.m.
EMMA, Austen

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

March 10, 7:15 p.m.
CITIES OF GOLD: A JOURNEY ACROSS THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST, Douglas J. Preston

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CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Little Listeners: Storytime for 3½ to 5-year-olds

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Five-week session begins the week of March 10.

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For those unable to attend our morning programs. Children may come dressed in their pajamas. Bedtime stories, quiet songs and games, and a short film will be presented with the goal of providing an enjoyable and relaxing listening time.

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Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 and older

Friday, March 21 at 10 a.m.

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Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m.

For families who are home schooling, a morning of sharing ideas about using the library as an informal place of learning and as a source of helpful materials. Take a tour of the Children's Room, and see the electronic resources that are now available.

For more information and to register, contact Kate Belczyk, children's librarian.

FOR SENIORS

COOKING

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Creative Cooking: Ed Alessi will return for his popular monthly cooking group Friday, March 14 at 9 a.m. Come enjoy watching him cook, share his recipes and have lunch together. Cost is \$6, and advance reservations are necessary.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it volunteers will be back in action on Tuesday, March 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fix-it fellows will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item that might be in need of repair.

Parkinson's Support Group: The Parkinson's support

group will hold their next meeting at the center on Thursday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m. Anyone dealing with the issues of Parkinson's disease is welcome to attend. Reservations are not necessary.

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Business

BRIEFS

AHS grad, fisherman angles to open bass-fishing shop

Kevin Ring, a 1992 Andover High graduate will open Extreme Bass, a tournament-level fishing supply store for bass fishing enthusiasts, on March 1, in Windham, N.H.

Sales on featured merchandise, a raffle for a fishing sonar system and an appearance by Rod Laferriere, a top tournament fisherman in the region, will mark the store's first day. "It's great that Rod will be attending the grand opening," says Ring, proprietor of Extreme Bass, in a release. "As one of the finest tournament fishermen in the area, he is the perfect person to have on-hand for the store's first day. Rod will be available to talk with customers, offer advice on products and maybe even share a few of his fishing trade secrets."

Doors will be open from 8 to 8.

Ring says he is opening Extreme Bass to respond to the needs of both the weekend warrior and the tournament-level angler. An avid bass fisherman himself for more than 20 years, Ring says he knew first-hand that the Salem area was in need of a bass supply store that could offer anglers quality products at competitive prices.

As part of Extreme Bass' grand opening, the store is raffling a Lowrance X-91 fishing sonar system, which retails at \$499. "Extreme Bass will bring a large volume of top-level products that area bass fishermen need," says Ring. "And if you're just getting into the sport of fishing, stop by. We'll help you with everything from the best gear for your level, to fishing techniques, to secret fishing spots."

Extreme Bass is a mid to high-end tournament level fishing supply store located at 5 Rockingham Road, Windham, N.H.

Marc Broekhoff on board of NE Innkeepers Association

At the 95th annual meeting of the New England Innkeepers Association in Newport, R.I., Marc Broekhoff, innkeeper of the Andover Inn, was elected to serve on the board of directors.

The New England Innkeepers Association (NEIA) is a professional trade organization representing the six New England states. NEIA was founded in 1907 by owners and managers of bed and breakfasts, hotels, motels and resorts. Ninety years later, 380 member properties meet regularly to share ideas and educate themselves on how best to meet the needs of their guests.

Check out spine doctor at Wild Oats supermarket

Christopher Condon, owner and director of Andover Spine Center, located at 63 Park St. offers his services at Wild Oats of Andover every first Saturday of the month. Consultations and evaluations are performed free of charge as a community service. Condon is also available at Stop and Shop pharmacy of North Andover every first Sunday of the month.

Services include computerized spinal-thermal imaging, postural analysis and literature handouts and reviews. "Members of the community are encouraged to stop by and have their health care questions answered by the doctor," according to a release.

Not the same old song

Andover Ground Round first to add karaoke; different chord for town

By Andrea Gregory

Both the talented and tone deaf now can live out their rock-star dreams in Andover every Thursday from 8 p.m. to midnight, thanks to Andover's Ground Round.

The Ground Round kicked off karaoke a month ago after selectmen approved its automatic and live entertainment license. According to General Manager John McKeon, it's already become a growing success. He said other Ground Round locations are in the process of seeking entertainment licenses to follow the Andover restaurant's lead. Andover Ground Round was the first to try the tactic, where restaurant-goers can go on stage and sing a song of their choosing, while music plays for them.

McKeon said adding karaoke is not a ploy to change the restaurant's image, but to increase its sales and add some fun.

"We're a family restaurant and I want us to remain a family restaurant," said McKeon.

Karaoke occurs on the bar side of the building, and this past Thursday, during school vacation week, it attracted people of different ages.

Christy Readington, a Reading adult, saw a Ground Round advertisement and decided to check it out. "I always do karaoke," she said.

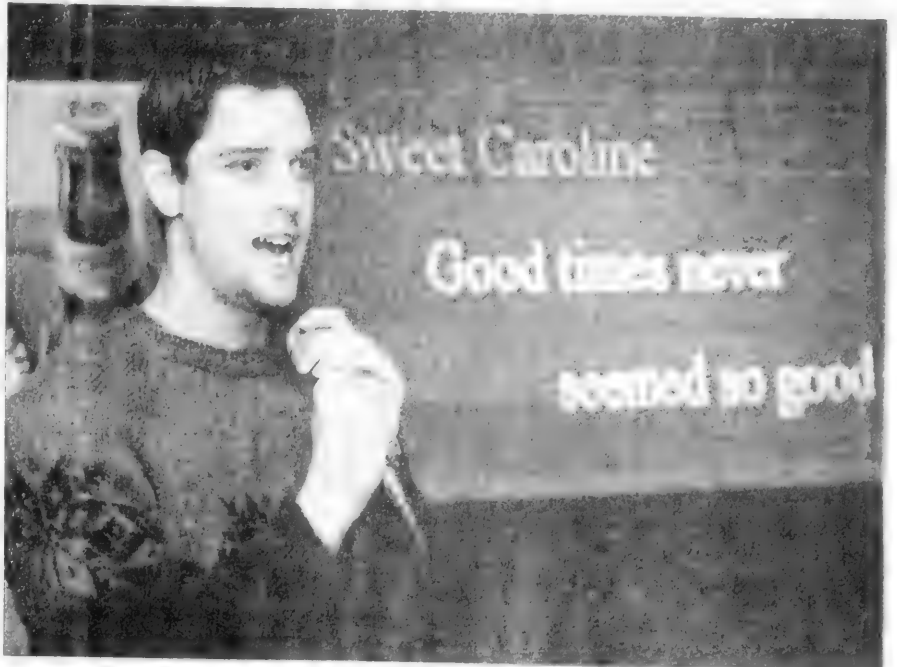
Looking confident with a microphone in her hand, Readington gives a handful of performances every week. The Andover location has become her Thursday night spot.

"You get nervous at first, but you get over it," Readington said. "I was in the beginning, but I've been doing it six, seven years."

Not everyone hides their jitters as well. Many find it easier to perform as a group, and some people just come to watch.

"Everyone's really nice here. No one makes fun of you when you go up and sing," Readington said.

"It's not an *American Idol* thing. We're not going to have Simon saying 'You can't sing,'" said DJ Chris Fiore, seven high-school kids came in before last week's karaoke began. But, since last Thursday was part of



Jarred Pennypacker enjoys belting out a karaoke standard: *Sweet Caroline*. The Ground Round in Andover may have started a trend within the chain by adding karaoke on Thursday nights.

school vacation week, some of the performers looked young enough to appear on *American Idol*, the TV show where young hopefuls compete to become the next big sensation.

About half of those in the audience were years shy of what McKeon and Foire said was the age of their intended crowd. Lindsey Correale, 12, was there with two of her friends. Correale's mother works at the Ground Round and the three girls were accompanied by an adult.

"At first we're nervous, but then we want to do it more," she said in between sets, adding she wouldn't want to get up and sing alone, but with her friends she had no problem.

A group of seven high-school kids came in around 10 p.m. "We stood at the door for a while to see if anyone



Sarah Parshley, Sue Desrochers and Tina Viveiros take a turn at the mic last Thursday.

would say you can't come in here," Tiffany Zolt, 17, of Westborough, who was let in with two of her teenage friends.

Zolt gave her debut performance with a friend. This was her first time singing in front of a crowd. "I was very nervous at first, but it was fun," she said.

Many of the kids expressed interest in coming back, but the truth came out when Zolt said, "I can't come in a second time."

McKeon said the Ground Round is concerned about letting the kids in and talked to the selectmen last week. He said he saw how the kids were being treated and thought it was a good idea.

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Business parking spot worth fighting for

PARKING

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new beneficiary of Santell's former parking permit is, but did say the slot has been filled.

Losing the permit that has been with Irresistibles for more than five years has Santell back to competing for spaces and running out to feed

meters. Santell said the pass has been primarily used by managers, but vacations and time off allowed other employees to use it.

"You don't like to take away parking from potential customers," Santell said, but she has to park somewhere, too. "I think that's something

in all small towns. There's never enough parking."

According to selectmen, Stapczynski is handling the matter.

"He wanted to look at it," said Santell. "He was following up so I was glad to hear that."

But if Stapczynski does

plan on doing anything he's not talking about it.

"I have to keep my mouth shut on this one," he said.

When asked if there was a possible solution, since the space has already been given to someone on the waiting list, he said, "Draw your own conclusion."

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Sports

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Buckle Up! It's tournament time

Boys tip off tonight at 7 against Lawrence; Lady Warriors, seeded No. 1, play Saturday

By Rick Harrison

FAZIO'S FAB FIVE boys crew, which finished the regular season at 18-4 overall including 12-2 for second place in Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1, can't afford to feel any fallout from a second heart-breaking one-point loss to Central Catholic (77-76) last week, which cost the locals a share of the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title.

Andover, seeded No. 4 in a 12-school tourney field, tips off tonight (7 p.m.) in a quarterfinal round game against familiar foe and No. 5 seed Lawrence (16-5), which pounded No. 12 Beverly 94-67 in a first round game Tuesday night in Lawrence.

AHS will be battling a team it split with during the regular MVC season.

Lawrence handed the locals their worst defeat of the campaign, 67-48, in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament semifinals back on Dec. 23. The Golden Warriors bounced back to win the rematch, 66-55, on Jan. 12.

"We take great pride in our defense - and when we hold a team to between 50 and 55 points we win," Fazio has said. "That's our goal every time we step out on the court."

The coach knows his team can score with the likes of junior All-Scholastic guard and Capt. Chris Vetrano, junior guard Jack Barrett and senior forward Kevin Barrett.

"Vetrano is a very special player," said rival MVC coach Kevin McDermott of Billerica. "Kids like that only come around once in a great while."

This past Tuesday Vetrano was voted the MVC Division 1 Player



Ashley McLaughlin goes up for two points against Central Catholic.

of the Year.

Actually, Andover has been twice-blessed with Vetrano arriving on the scene just as Tom McLaughlin had his stellar AHS career ended

prematurely by an ACL injury.

Soon-to-be all-time leading Andover High scorer Vetrano, whose long-range accuracy has produced 83 three-pointers this sea-

son and more than 200 for his AHS career, has exactly 500 points through 22 games (22.6 ave.).

Jack Barrett has 257 points and Kevin Barrett 237 as the team's next two leading marksmen.

Vetrano also boasts 1,510 career points as he rapidly closes in on McLaughlin's AHS boys record of 1,564 scored in three seasons between 1997-2000.

Charlotte Muller's 1,600 points are the most ever for all AHS hoop players.

Senior 6'4" forward Drew Watts had a career night against Central Catholic last week, pumping through 27 points, while senior 6'4" forward Tyler Richards (95 points), junior 5'11" guard Jon Deleo (92 points) and freshman 6'4" forward Bobby Hughes (74 points) have each had several strong games this season.

Andover players and coaches would also like to put together a memorable post-season run for former assistant coach and cancer victim Bob Hatem.

"These guys have surprised me all season and played with a lot of pride and passion," Fazio has said.

Hopefully there are a few more surprises left.

And wouldn't it be nice if the Golden Warriors got a third shot at nemesis Central Catholic. With two one-point classics already the third time could be the charm for the locals.

Last year Andover opened the tourney by drilling Billerica, 72-51, in the first round before losing to Lexington, 84-67, in the North quarterfinals.

Lady Warriors: They're ready

Coach Tildsley's Lady Warriors, the MVC 1, Christmas Tournament and February Fest champions, are 19-1 overall.

They are also 13-1 in the conference and justifiably earned the No. 1 seed in a 14-school Division 1 North field.

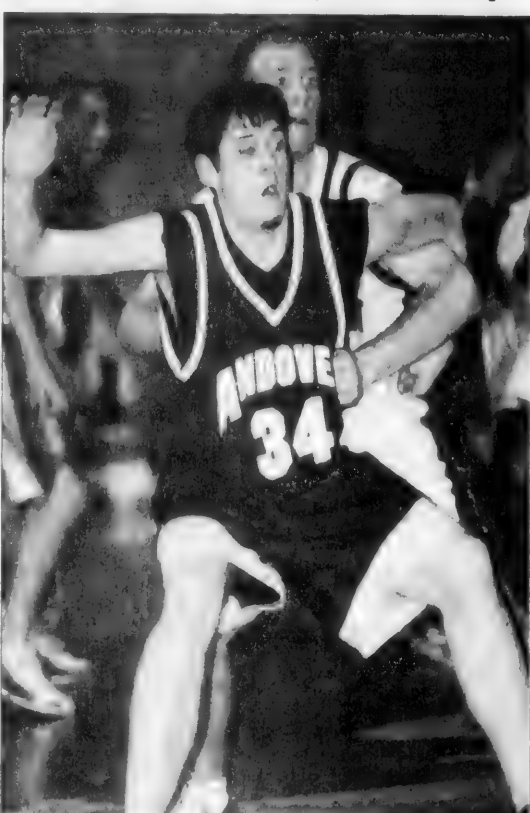
They have a quarterfinal round game on Saturday at the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.) against the survivor of a first-round, played last night after *Townsmen* presstime, between MVC rivals Central Catholic and Billerica.

No. 9 seed Central (13-7) handed AHS its only regular season loss, 53-50 on Feb. 9, after the Lady Warriors won an early-season defensive struggle, 39-25, on Dec. 17.

Andover is 55-2 in conference games since the beginning of the 1999-'00 season, and both defeats have come against Central.

There is no question AHS would like nothing better than to exact some revenge on the Raiders, who are led by All-Conference players Alana McNeil, Casey Grange and MVC 1 All-Star Lyndi Savastano.

MVC 2 champ Billerica (13-7), which has not beaten Andover in years, faced the locals once and



Last week, senior forward Drew Watts had a banner night against Central Catholic, with 27 points, including six treys.

absorbed a 65-36 thrashing Jan. 7.

However, the Indians are playing much better now. They made a nice run to qualify for the tournament and are 8-1 over the past month behind the strong efforts of MVC 2 Player of the Year Erin Moseley, All-Conference choice Kim Price and All-Stars Ashley McDonald and Brett Maron.

"Our girls have shown tremendous resilience this season," said Tildsley. "We've come from

behind in the closing minutes of several late-season games to pull out wins, and that's been a big confidence booster.

"When we rebound and run the fast break we're tough to stop. We've been plagued with turnovers at all the wrong times and that has to stop."

The Lady Warriors have also played excellent defense throughout the season, holding 17 of their 20 opponents below 50 points and nine times allowing fewer than 40.

"We score a lot of points in transition off the defense," said Tildsley.

Last winter the AHS girls beat Lowell 63-33 in the North quarterfinals, pounded Waltham 65-31 in the semifinals and lost a heartbreaking last-second 56-54 decision to Cambridge Rindge & Latin in the title game.

Senior guard and Capt. Jenny Muller, headed to Tufts University next fall, is the top scorer through 20 games with 330 points. She also averages more than five assists per game.

Muller has 1,408 career points, trailing only her older sister Charlotte (1,600 points) on the all-time AHS girls hoop scoring list.

Junior 6'1" forward and Holy Cross recruit Ashley McLaughlin has 283 points, and she is

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AWARD-WINNING



This week, at the conclusion of their successful 2002-03 AHS varsity basketball seasons, Coach Dave Fazio (boys) and Jim Tildsley (girls) announced the final winners of the "Player of the Fortnight Award" for this season. These recipients are Chris Vetrano and Drew Watts (boys) and Matia Kostakis (girls). "Given for hustle, intensity, desire and overall excellence in support of the team, this year's Fortnight awards have very deserving recipients," according to Ronald R. Hill, managing principal of Baystate Financial Services in Andover. In no particular order, the 2002-03 season award-winners for the boys team were: Jack Barrett, Kevin Barrett, Tyler Richards, Chris Vetrano and Drew Watts; and for the girls team: Kerry Dargan, Colleen Haugh, Merry Fish, Samantha Hughes and Matia Kostakis.

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AHS ROUNDUP

By Rick Harrison

Andover High had outstanding performances from eight talented athletes in recent All-State (track, girls gymnastics) and North Sectional (boys swim) meets.

Displaying their mettle under pressure were indoor track team members Stephanie Casper and Phil Shaw, boys swimmers Sean Geary and Nick Saunders, and girls gymnasts Sheri Bernstein, Libby Fortier, Katie Cail and Katie Infantine.

INDOOR TRACK

AHS girls indoor track team Capt. Stephanie Casper and boys Capt. Phil Shaw both finished fourth, with Shaw setting another new school record in the mile, at the annual All-State Championship Meet run at the Reggie Lewis Track Center in Roxbury.

The stellar efforts qualified both athletes, Casper heading to Northeastern University and Shaw to the University of New Hampshire next fall, for the New England Interscholastic Championship Indoor Track & Field Meet tomorrow night at the Lewis Center (5:30 p.m.).

Andover had senior Capt. Carolyn Berberian and junior Allison Kerivan competing in the annual Girls State Indoor Pentathlon earlier this week (after Townsman presstime) at the Lewis Center.

Casper was also going to compete but stepped aside to keep herself healthy for the New England.

All-State Meet

Casper, an All-Scholastic scholarship winner in field hockey who will play that sport in college, was seeded second in the 600 meter run following her second-place finish at the Class A Meet.

Her fourth-place time at the All-State Meet was 1 minute, 39.11 seconds.

"Stephanie got trapped into a tactical race today," said AHS head coach Art Iworsley. "No one wanted to jump out and set the pace which is why the times were a little slower."

"If Stephanie had run the same time she did at the Class A Meet (1:37.23) she'd be

the state champ today."

Shaw, third in the mile at Class A Meet with a 4-minute, 22.52-second clocking, was seeded third for the All-State Meet.

He finished fourth and in the process shattered his own school-record with a 4:18.15 time.

He also set an AHS mark for the 1,500 meters in the same race, covering that distance in 4:02.6.

"Phil will be trying to break four minutes for 1,500 meters at the New England," said Iworsley. "That would be impressive. It's great to say you ran that distance under four minutes."

The Golden Warriors also had two relay teams compete at the All-State Meet.

The boys 4x800 foursome of senior Capt. Taylor Hender, junior Ryan Durkin, junior Jeff Sawyer and anchorman Shaw placed eighth in 8:26.1. Junior Brad Sherman was the alternate ready to step in if one of the other runners was unavailable.

The girls 4x400 quartet of sophomore Jenny Dlesk, newly-healthy sophomore Michelle Pirro, Carolyn Berberian and Casper finished 11th in a personal-best 4:14.8. Sophomore Emily Korba was the alternate.

Earlier Meet

MVC Fresh/Soph Meets

In the annual MVC Boys Freshman/Sophomore Meet held recently at the Methuen High Field House, Mike Gustin was a winner in the shot put with a 43'3" toss that was two feet better than the runner-up throw.

Jason Sheldon finished second in the 50 dash (5.8), and placing third, fourth and fifth in the 50 hurdles were Buddy Farnham (7.3), Chris Cole (7.3) and Adam Comeau (7.4).

Robert Kaufman was fifth in the 300 dash (36.5), Kyle McKenzie fifth in the shot (38'5 1/2"), Jim Muller sixth in the two-mile (11:36.8) and Raynor sixth in the 600 run (1:27.3).

Andover teams were fourth in the 4x400 relay (4:01.2), fourth in the 4x800 relay (9:35.1) and fifth in the freshman 4x400 relay (4:35.0).

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High girls gymnastics team, which has become a recent fixture at the All-State Team Championship Meet in recent years, made another strong showing by finishing fourth at the final team event of the season hosted by Foxboro High.

Strong performances by Capt. Sheri Bernstein and Katie Cail, along with sophomore Libby Fortier and freshman Katie Infantine, enabled the Lady Warriors to chalk up 136.225 points in a field of eight qualifiers.

"It was one of the most fun big meets we've been to," said AHS coach Julie Chapman. "We were seeded fourth and that's where we finished."

"It was tough realizing we only had an outside shot at winning, but knowing that took some of the pressure off and made it a bit more relaxing."

Defending state champ Barnstable High, which nipped runner-up Andover by less than a point last year, successfully repeated with an impressive 140.275 score.

Also finishing ahead of Andover were North Sectional champ Beverly at 138.175 and Danvers 138.075.

Completing the field were fifth-place Somerset (134.775), Woburn (133.50), Bishop Fenwick of Peabody (133.25) and Algonquin Regional of Northboro (128.50).

State Individuals

The season-ending State Individual Championships are tomorrow at Beverly High.

Qualifiers for AHS are

Sheri Bernstein and Libby Fortier, both of whom will compete in three events.

Participants were selected on the basis of their season averages in each event, with the top nine chosen for the State Meet.

Bernstein ranks fifth on balance beam with a 9.0625 average, sixth in floor exercise (9.2125) and sixth on the uneven bars (8.8625).

Fortier is fifth on bars (8.875), fifth in vault (8.80) and ninth on beam (8.90).

All-State Meet

Sheri Bernstein finished with a 34.725 all-around score and Libby Fortier had a 34.15 competing in all four events.

Bernstein was the top AHS score in floor exercise (9.1) and on the uneven bars (8.6), while she also had an 8.725 on balance beam and an 8.3 in vault.

Fortier produced an 8.9 in floor, 8.55 on bars, 8.5 in vault and 8.2 on beam.

Katie Cail, competing in her last high school gymnastics meet, was team-high in vault with a career-high 8.7 and she added an 8.9 in floor and 8.3 on beam.

Katie Infantine registered a personal-best 8.9 on beam, and added an 8.7 in floor and 8.0 on bars.

"Katie's beam routine was smoking," said coach Chapman. "She hit every move."

Sophomore Meghan Harrington contributed an 8.2 in vault, 7.8 in floor and 7.5 on bars.

The locals had two more 8-plus performances by freshmen Ashley Baldwin in vault (8.125) and Sarah Coneeny in floor (8.025). Coneeny also had a 7.65 on bars.

Sophomore AnnMarie Cashman recorded a 7.75 on beam and 7.5 on bars, while sophomore Lauren Reed chalked up a 7.725 in vault and junior Andrea Krivelow scored 7.25 on beam.

"There were three things I wanted to happen at this meet — and they all did," said Chapman. "I wanted us to have a good meet as a team, which we did, and I wanted Katie Cail to stand up on her handspring vaults and Sarah Coneeny to do giants by herself on the bars."

"Katie's handspring vaults were spectacular and amazing, and Sarah did the giant (swings) with me way over on the other side of the gym."

"Sarah has worked very hard on the giants and it was a big deal for her to do them on her own."

"Andrea Krivelow also competed in a big meet for the first time and stuck her beam routine," said Chapman. "As a team we had a terrific meet on beam."

In addition to Cail and Bernstein, other seniors the Merrimack Valley Conference champs will lose through graduation are Heather Barry, Rachel Goldman and Lisa Vallera.

"It's hard to believe the season is already over. It goes by so fast," said Chapman.

ALL-STATE GIRLS GYMNASTICS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

at Foxboro High

Team Scores

1. Barnstable 140.275; 2. Beverly 138.175; 3. Danvers 138.075; 4. ANDOVER 136.225; 5. Somerset 134.775; 6. Woburn 133.50; 7. Bishop Fenwick 133.25; 8. Algonquin Regional 128.50.

Individual Events

(Andover Scores)

UNEVEN BARS: Sheri Bernstein 8.6; Libby Fortier 8.55; Katie Infantine 8.0; Sarah Coneeny 7.65; Meghan Harrington 7.5; AnnMarie Cashman 7.5.

BALANCE BEAM: Infantine 8.9; Bernstein 8.725; Katie Cail 8.3; Fortier 8.2; Cashman 7.75; Andrea Krivelow 7.25.

VAULT: Cail 8.7; Fortier 8.5; Bernstein 8.3; Harrington 8.2; Ashley Baldwin 8.125; Lauren Reed 7.725.

FLOOR EXERCISE: Bernstein 9.1; Fortier 8.9; Cail 8.9; Infantine 8.7; Coneeny 8.025; Harrington 7.8.

All-Around: Sheri Bernstein 34.725; Libby Fortier 34.15.

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High boys varsity hockey team will begin play in the Division 2 North Tournament tomorrow night, and the first-round game has a bit of irony to it.

The opening faceoff is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. at the Chelmsford Forum in Billerica, and the opposition will be provided by Danvers.

Danvers is also the last team AHS played, capping the regular season with a

hard-fought 4-3 victory over the Falcons in the Newburyport Bank Classic championship final last week.

Coach Bill Cullen's Golden Warriors are 10-5-5 overall and seeded No. 11 in a 16-school field, while Danvers will enter with a 14-5 record as the No. 6 seed.

The winner of tomorrow's game will return to the Chelmsford Forum on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. to play a quarterfinal against the survivor of tonight's first rounder between undefeated No. 3 seed Pentucket Regional of West Newbury (16-0-4) and No. 14 Wilmington (10-9-3).

Cullen was head coach at Wilmington before coming to Andover.

In the tourney final win over Danvers, a Matt Colby goal with just under a minute to play lifted the locals to the Bank Classic title.

Joe Nasta, named to the All-Tournament Team, scored a pair of goals and Toby Cohen added one.

Tournament MVP Torin Traynor was immense in goal with 33 saves.

Steve Johnson passed out two assists. Mike Corey one and Mike Van Campen set up the clincher.

Andover led 3-1 after one period, and the Falcons tied it with two goals in the middle stanza to set up Colby's late game-winner.

The champs reached the title game by edging Triton Regional of Byfield, 3-2 in an overtime shootout.

Scoring leaders

Steve Johnson leads Andover and MV/DCL Division 2 scorers after 20 games with 17 goals and 18 assists for 35 points.

Following are Mike Corey at 11-12-23. Joe Nasta 11-12-23 and Andrew Santos 3-14-17.

All-Conference

Andover players chosen MV/DCL Division 2 All-Conference for the 2002-03 season are Steve Johnson, Mike Corey and Steve Seero.

Selected as division All-Stars are Joe Nasta, Andrew Santos and Brian Buckley.

GIRLS HOCKEY

The Andover High girls varsity hockey team, which completed its first season of official league action with a 9-7-4 overall record, played its historic first-ever Division 2 North Tournament game last night after Townsman presstime.

The Lady Warriors faced off against Boston Latin Academy in a first-round game at the Chelmsford Forum.

ALPINE SKI

The unbeaten North Shore League champion Andover High girls alpine ski team, 10-0 and winners of 20 straight meets,

qualified as a team for the All-State Championship Meet held yesterday (after Townsman presstime) next Wednesday at Berkshire East Ski Area in Charlemont.

The Lady Warriors' race team in the 2003 season finale consisted of Stephanie Sweeney, Jennie Williams, Mallory Jaracz, Brittany Roy, Kerian Bartley and Lauren Hayes.

Jim Green qualified for the State Meet as an individual representing the AHS boys.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

The highlight of a successful North Sectional Championship Meet for the Andover High boys swim and dive team was the performance of junior Sean Geary.

The defending sectional and state champ in the 500-yard freestyle defended his title at that distance in the closest and most exciting race of the day at the Charles White Natatorium in Haverhill.

Geary, who led the whole way but was severely tested from start to finish by Weston High sophomore Eric Nilsson, touched in 4 minutes, 37.01 seconds. Nilsson was little more than a half-second behind in 4:37.61.

Geary also came within an eyeblink of his personal-best school-record time of 4:36.99.

Andover was tied for fifth place in the team standings with 94 points.

The top four schools were MVC champ Chelmsford at 230, Weston 206, defending North champ St. John's Prep of Danvers and Westford Academy. Wayland was tied with AHS.

It was the most points and best finish by an Andover boys team in the North Sectionals since the locals ceased being a cooperative team with Central Catholic several years ago.

All-State Meet

The State Meet is set for this Saturday at Harvard University's Blodgett Pool (11 p.m.).

Sean Geary, Nick Saunders and Jon Meltz will swim in two individual events each while Jim Mullen and Mike Avila will join those three on the 200 and 400 free relay teams.

Geary will compete in the 200 and 500 free, Saunders in the 50 free and 100 butterfly, Meltz in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke.

The State Meet was last held at Harvard 25 years ago, in 1978, and Andover head coach Mark Taffe was a senior on the Haverhill High team that won the state title that year.

North Sectional Championship Meet

Geary also finished a strong second in the 200 free, his 1:45.06 time just behind his 500 challenger Eric Nilsson of Weston.

Junior Nick Saunders had a big meet, posting a pair of personal-best times while placing second in the 50 free spring (22.96 seconds) and third in the 100 butterfly (55.96).

Saunders was less than a half-second behind winner Peter Gollands of Chelmsford (22.52) in the 50 free.

Also scoring for AHS were the fourth-place 400 free relay of Geary, Saunders, sophomore Jon Meltz, sophomore Chris Mullen (3:31.79) and the sixth-place 200 free relay of Geary, Mullen, Saunders and senior Capt. Mike Avila (1:36.77).

Although he did not score (top 12 earn points), Meltz did produce state-cut times in both the 100 backstroke (1:44 place, 1:00.63) and 200 IM (18th, 2:14.26).

Mullen competed in the 200 free, where he tied his personal-best time of 2:03.03, and 100 free (55.20).

The 200 medley relay of Meltz, sophomore Tom Avila, freshman Rob Medaglio and Mike Avila finished 20th in a personal-best 1:56.91.

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ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS BASKETBALL

(20 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Jenny Muller	134	42	330
Ashley McLaughlin	110	48	283
Jackie Powers	46	17	113
Samantha Hughes	41	24	106
Merry Fish	32	5	93
Matia Kostakis	41	9	91
Maagan Merinder	15	13	43
Liz Pallotta	13	12	40
Colleen Haugh	12	1	25
Kerri O'Dea	8	3	21
Kerrie Dargan	4	0	8
Emily Pallotta	3	0	6
Arianna Miliotis	2	1	5
Brittany Moriarty	1	2	4

3-pointers: Merry Fish 24, Jenny Muller 20, Ashley McLaughlin 15, Jackie Powers 4, Kerri O'Dea 2, Liz Pallotta 2.

BOYS BASKETBALL

(21 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Chris Vetrano	149	95	476
Jack Barrett	93	40	257
Kevin Barrett	98	35	237
Draw Watts	58	14	136
Tyler Richards	36	19	95
Jon Deleo	28	32	92
Bob Hughes	32	10	74
Jarrett Mackin	7	2	17
Greg Vetrano	4	5	15
Manny Venuti	4	3	12
Steve Renfro	2	4	9
Casey Cosgrove	2	0	5
Tim Bengston	1	2	4

3-pointers: Chris Vetrano 83, Jack Barrett 31, Kevin Barrett 8, Jon Deleo 4, Greg Vetrano 2, Casey Cosgrove 1, Jarrett Mackin 1, Steve Renfro 1, Manny Venuti 1.

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AHS ROUNDUP

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

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NORTH SECTIONAL BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM & DIVE MEET at Charles White Natatorium, Haverhill

Top Teams

1. Chelmsford 230 pts; 2. Weston 206; 3. St. John's Prep 179; 4. Westford Academy 116; 5. (tie) ANDOVER and Wayland 94.

Individual Events

Top 12 Score (Andover Placers)

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 20. Jon Meltz, Tom Avila, Rob Medaglio & Mike Avila. 1:56.91.

200 FREE: 2. Sean Geary 1:45.06; 21. Chris Mullen 2:03.03.

200 IM: 18. Meltz 2:14.26 (state cut).

50 FREE: 2. Nick Saunders 22.96.

100 BUTTERFLY: 3. Saunders 55.96.

100 FREE: Mullen 55.20.

500 FREE: 1. Geary 4:37.01.

200 FREE RELAY: 6. Geary, Mike Avila, Mullen & Saunders. 1:36.77.

100 BACKSTROKE: 14. Meltz 1:00.63 (state cut).

400 FREE RELAY: 4. Geary, Meltz, Mullen & Saunders. 3:31.79.

EARLIER DUAL MEETS

Andover 92

Central Catholic 84

The Golden Warriors placed first in nine of the 12 events, including all three relays, on the way to their eighth victory.

"Mike Avila had four first-place finishes in his final dual meet at Andover High," said coach Taffe. "That was special."

The AHS captain, one of only two seniors on the roster of the young team, was an individual winner in the 50 free sprint (25.69).

He also anchored the winning 200 medley (1:59.31) and 400 free (3:53.10) relays, while swimming the third leg on the victorious 200 free relay (1:44.91).

Junior Nick Saunders also swam on all three relays and touched first in the 500 free (5:32.82).

Freshman Rob Medaglio was on the 200 medley and 200 free teams, sophomore Chris Mullen on the 200 and 400 free squads, while Sean Geary completed to 200 medley relay and freshman R.J. Samuels was a member of the 400 free quartet.

Mullen was a double individual winner in the 200 free (2:03.03) and 100 free (55.78), with the 200 free time a North Sectional qualifier.

Geary (100 butterfly, 55.78) and sophomore Tom Avila (100 breaststroke, 1:15.52) were other AHS victors.

Runners-up for the locals were Medaglio (200 IM, 2:26.12) and Paul D'Ambrosio (100 back, 1:09.34).

Medaglio added a third (100 fly, 1:08.75), Joe Reynolds was third in the 200 free (2:15.25) and 100 backstroke (1:14.09), and Samuels third in the 200 IM (2:28.54) and 500 free (5:39.86).

Steve Fang placed third in the 100 breast (1:23.69) and joined D'Ambrosio, Tom Avila and freshman Mike Stewart on the third-place 200 medley relay (2:12.00).

Stewart, Dave Baletsa, Zac Broomfield and Samuels comprised the third-place 200 free relay (1:50.13), while D'Ambrosio, Broomfield, Reynolds and Geary were third in the 400 free relay (3:58.52).

Placing fourth were Broomfield (200 IM, 2:35.90), Tom Avila (100 fly, 1:13.09), D'Ambrosio (100 free, 1:00.38) and senior Paul Wang (100 breast, 1:26.59).

Ben Carter (200 free, 2:20.19) and Baletsa (50 free, 27.03) finished fifth, and sixths went to Wang (50 free, 32.53), Bob O'Neill (100 free, 1:07.25) and Carter (500 free, 6:53.81).

Andover 91

Lowell 83

Chris Mullen was a double winner and the Golden Warriors swept top three in both the 50 free sprint and 400 free relay to spark the triumph at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

The most interesting matchup of the afternoon came in the 200 IM, where two of the state's top swimmers locked horns and Sean Geary of AHS edged Ethan Brown of Lowell.

Geary completed the race in 2:04.41, while Brown set a new Lowell High school record but had to settle for second in 2:05.87.

Mullen touched first in both the 200 free (2:05.66) and 100 free (55.62).

The sweep of the 50 free was accomplished by winner Mike Avila (26.07), Dave

Baletsa (27.31) and Ben Carter (28.03).

Nick Saunders was tops in the 100 butterfly (58.87), and the lone victorious relay was the 400 free quartet of Felipe Machado, Jon Meltz, Mullen and Tom Avila (4:09.19).

Individual runners-up were Rob Medaglio (200 free, 2:12.22), Paul D'Ambrosio (100 free, 1:00.10), R.J. Samuels (500 free, 5:40.19), Saunders (100 backstroke, 1:03.44) and Tom Avila (100 breaststroke, 1:18.65).

Meltz, Tom Avila, Saunders and Mike Avila were second in the 200 medley relay (1:55.88).

Carter, Baletsa, Medaglio and Mullen placed second in the 200 free relay, as did Carter, Brian O'Neill, Baletsa and Zac Broomfield in the 400 free relay.

Joe Savoca claimed second in the one-meter diving with 142.20 points.

Also third were Samuels (200 IM, 2:32.85) and Meltz in both the 100 fly (1:05.63) and 100 back (1:04.21).

D'Ambrosio, Steve Fang, Samuels and Baletsa took third in the 200 medley relay (2:09.75) while Broomfield, Mike Stewart, Geary and Joe Reynolds formed the third-place 200 free relay.

Samuels, Medaglio, Stewart and Dean Voyer completed the top three sweep of the 400 free relay (4:24.16).

Finishing fourth for Andover were Carter (200 free, 2:21.97), Broomfield (200 IM, 2:37.81), Medaglio (100 fly, 1:08.78), Machado (100 free, 1:06.47), Mike Avila (500 free, 6:13.37) and D'Ambrosio (100 back, 1:12.00).

Reynolds was fifth in the 500 free (6:15.53), while fifth and sixth in the 100 breast went to Steve Fang (1:23.38) and Paul Wang (1:27.47) respectively.

Andover 92

Nashua, N.H. 78

Geary and Saunders won two individual events each and both swam on two victorious relays to spark the Golden Warriors.

Geary was tops in the 200-yard IM (2:04.82) and his specialty, the 500 free (4:53.41), while Saunders touched first in the 50 free (23.12) and 100 free (51.78) sprint races.

Freshman R.J. Samuels and sophomore Chris Mullen joined the pair on the winning 200 free relay (1:38.07), while Mullen and Capt. Mike Avila completed the 400 free crew (3:45.16).

Sophomore Tom Avila contributed a first in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.25).

Mullen, freshman Rob Medaglio and sophomore Jon Meltz each had a second and third place finish.

Mullen was runner-up in the 200 free (2:03.63) and third in the 100 free (56.13). Medaglio second in the 100 butterfly (1:06.47) and third in the 500 free (5:55.40), Meltz second in the 100 backstroke (1:02.72) and third in the 200 free (2:05.94).

Second-place relay teams were the 200 medley crew of Meltz, Samuels, Medaglio and Mike Avila (1:56.66), along with the 400 free quartet of junior Paul D'Ambrosio, Meltz, junior Joe Reynolds and Medaglio (4:09.19).

Samuels also had a pair of thirds in the 200 IM (2:28.72) and 100 breast (1:17.60). Adding one each were Mike Avila (50 free, 25.59), Tom Avila (100 fly, 1:11.63) and D'Ambrosio (100 back, 1:08.87).

Third-place relays were 200 medleys D'Ambrosio, junior Steve Fang, Tom Avila, junior Ben Carter and the 200 free team of Carter, junior Bob O'Neill, junior Dave Baletsa and sophomore Felipe Machado (1:53.60).

Fourth for the Golden Warriors were Mike Avila (100 free, 57.88) and Reynolds (500 free, 6:25.31).

Contributing a fifth-place each were Reynolds (200 free, 2:18.95), junior Zac Broomfield (200 IM, 2:43.47), D'Ambrosio (50 free, 27.19), senior Paul Wang (100 fly, 1:44.37), Baletsa (100 back, 1:27.85) and Fang (100 breast, 1:25.88).

Andover 95

Nashua, N.H. 72

Nick Saunders and Sean Geary were again first in two events each, Geary switching to the 200 free (1:53.85) and 100 backstroke (1:00.50) while Saunders beat the field in the 100 butterfly (57.81) and 50 free (23.63).

Other individual winners were Jon Meltz in the 200 IM (2:20.22) and Chris Mullen in the 100 free (55.78).

The 200 free relay foursome of Rob Medaglio, Mike Avila, Geary and Saunders also won in 1:44.50.

Meltz added a second in the 500 free

(5:40.27), Tom Avila was runner-up in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.79) and freshman one-meter diver Joe Savoca chalked up 147.35 points for second place.

The locals had three second-place relays, including 200 medleys Meltz, Saunders, Tom and Mike Avila (1:54.03).

The 200 free crew of freshman Mike Stewart, Felipe Machado, Dave Baletsa, Bob O'Neill and the 400 free squad of Medaglio, Mullen, Geary and R.J. Samuels (3:45.60) were runners-up.

Earning a pair of thirds each were Mike Avila, in the 50 free (25.82) and 100 free (58.09), and Samuels in the 200 IM (2:30.27) and 100 breast (1:19.40).

Others chalking up a third place apiece were Mullen (200 free, 2:06.15), Tom Avila (100 fly, 1:11.03), Medaglio (500 free, 5:49.78) and Paul D'Ambrosio (100 back, 1:10.47).

D'Ambrosio, Steve Fang, Samuels and Ben Carter formed the third-place 200 medley relay (2:10.90), and third in the 400 free was the team of O'Neill, Zac Broomfield, Carter and Baletsa.

Fourth-place points went to Medaglio (200 free, 2:07.62), Broomfield (200 IM, 2:35.56), Carter (50 free, 27.27), D'Ambrosio (100 free, 58.97), Reynolds (100 back, 1:17.56) and Steve Fang (100 breast, 1:26.48).

Finishing fifth were junior Greg Robinson (100 fly, 1:38.53) and Reynolds (500 free, 6:17.50).

Andover 94

Central Catholic 77

Jon Meltz chalked up a pair of individual first-place finishes in the 200 IM (2:19.72) and 100 backstroke (1:05.25).

Picking up a win each were Nick Saunders in the 200 free (2:02.85), Mike Avila (50 free, 35.59), Sean Geary (100 butterfly, 1:01.31) and Chris Mullen (100 free, 57.03).

Meltz, Geary, Saunders and Mike Avila formed the victorious 200 medley relay (1:55.66).

Mullen, Paul D'Ambrosio, Meltz and Mike Avila comprised the winning 200 free relay (1:45.97), and the quartet of Joe Reynolds, Rob Medaglio, R.J. Samuels and Mullen was tops in the 400 free relay (4:00.07).

Touching second for the Golden Warriors were Mullen in the 200 free (2:04.13), Zac Broomfield (200 IM, 2:37.94), Mike Avila (100 free, 58.75), Samuels (500 free, 5:49.09), D'Ambrosio (100 back, 1:09.81) and Tom Avila (100 breaststroke, 1:14.54).

Checking in third were Medaglio in the shortest and longest races, the 50 free (26.87) and 500 free (5:52.93), Tom Avila (100 fly, 1:11.35) and Broomfield who completed a sweep of the 100 free (1:02.66).

Third-place relays were the 200 medley foursome of Broomfield, Steve Fang, Medaglio and Ben Carter (2:11.78), along with the 200 free quartet of Felipe Machado, Carter, Dave Baletsa and Mike Stewart (1:56.60).

Reynolds was fourth in the 500 free (6:16.69) and Steve Fang fourth in the 100 breast (1:25.68).

Grabbing fifths were Carter (200 free, 2:29.28), Fang (200 IM, 3:15.16) and Baletsa in both the 50 free (27.13) and 100 back (1:27.97).

Completing the AHS placers in sixth were Greg Robinson (100 fly, 1:42.12) and Paul Wang (100 breast, 1:29.56).

Chelmsford 92

Andover 76

The Golden Warriors managed five first-place finishes, including a pair by Sean Geary and one by Nick Saunders.

Geary continued his string of winning performances by touching first in the 200 free (1:52.31) and 500 free (4:55.34), while Saunders tied Chelmsford's Charles Kinnett for the top spot in the 100 butterfly (57.21).

Other victors were the 200 free relay of Chris Mullen, Mike Avila, Saunders, Geary (1:40.18) and the 400 free relay of Mullen, Geary, Rob Medaglio and Saunders (3:42.40).

Jon Meltz chalked up a pair of second places in the 200 IM (2:19.43) and 100 backstroke (1:04.62), while other runners-up were Mullen (100 free, 56.59) and Saunders (50 free, 23.56).

The 400 free relay of Meltz, Paul D'Ambrosio, Joe Reynolds and R.J. Samuels also took second in 4:10.15.

Individual thirds went to Mike Avila (100 free, 58.37) and Tom Avila (100 breaststroke, 1:15.84).

The 200 medley relay of Meltz, Medaglio and the Avilas was third in

2:03.28.

Placing fourth for the locals were Medaglio in both the 200 IM (2:31.57) and 100 fly (1:09.93), D'Ambrosio (100 free, 1:00.00) and Samuels (100 breast, 1:22.75).

Finishing fifth were Mullen (200 free, 2:04.43), Zac Broomfield (200 IM, 2:36.19), Mike Avila (50 free, 25.87), Samuels (500 free, 6:01.15), and Steve Fang (100 breast, 1:24.18).

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Andover had some strong individual performances in four season-ending boys gymnastics meets, which produced a 141.50 to 47.00 win over Revere, a 136.00 to 122.40 victory over Newton South, a 155.00 to 141.50 loss to Newton North and a 143.00 to 130.40 setback to Lowell.

The Golden Warriors finished the dual-meet season at 3-6 overall.

They also placed sixth in a seven-team field at the State Championship Meet hosted by Attleboro High, and had several excellent performances at the State Coaches Invitational Meet which was also at Attleboro.

"The kids improved over the course of the season — and that's always nice to see," said coach Jack Gleason.

"We're going to miss the seven graduating seniors. Without them next year will probably be a rebuilding year."

Those seven departing seniors are Mike Zammuto, Kevin Lai, Dan Jaffe, Greg Hartwell, Rob Ginsberg, Dave Fielding and Dan Booth.

State Coaches Invitational

Dave Fielding was the top AHS finisher in this individual competition, placing fourth in the vault with an 8.1 score.

Fielding added a fifth-place on rings (7.0), while other fifths went to Dan Booth in vault (7.8), Steve Wong on parallel bars (5.7) and Greg Hartwell in floor exercise (7.9).

Capturing sixth-place medals were Mike Zammuto in vault (7.7) and Rob Ginsberg on pommel horse (5.8).

Ginsberg was fifth in the state all-around competition with a season-high 35.20 score.

State Team Meet

The Golden Warriors chalked up a 136.30 for sixth place. Braintree won the team title with a hefty 176.60 score.

Dave Fielding was the lone medal winner for the locals, finishing sixth on rings with a 7.6.

Also performing well for AHS were Greg Hartwell in floor exercise, Rob Ginsberg all-around and Fielding in the vault.

Andover 141.50

Revere 47.00

The locals finished first in all six events and swept the top three places in floor exercise, pommel horse, high bar and rings.

Greg Hartwell was tops in floor (7.1), high bar (5.3) and also took fourth in vault (7.7).

Steve Wong was first on pommel horse (5.4), tied for first with Dan Jaffe on parallel bars (5.3) and second on rings (5.8).

Dave Fielding won on rings (personal-best 8.0) and tied for first in vault (8.0).

Rob Ginsberg finished second on pommel horse (5.2), third in floor (6.0), third on high bar (4.9), third in vault (7.8), fourth on parallel bars (4.8) and first all-around (33.60).

Scott Ebner contributed a second on high bar (5.0), Kevin Lai was third on pommel horse (5.1) and Justin Kumpf third on rings (5.6).

Newton North 155.00

Andover 141.50

Seniors Dave Fielding and Dan Booth shared first in vault with 8.0, while Fielding was second on rings (8.0).

Greg Hartwell took second on high bar (5.3), and thirds went to Scott Ebner (high bar, 5.0), Ginsberg (vault, 7.8), Dan Jaffe (tie parallel bars, 5.3) and Steve Wong on pommel horse (5.4) and parallel bars (tie, 5.3).

Although they did not place, Hartwell (7.1) and Booth (6.3) had the best AHS scores in floor exercise.

Ginsberg scored 5.2 on pommel horse and was third in the all-around (33.60).

Lowell 143.00

Andover 130.40

The lone AHS first place went to Dave Fielding with a 6.3 on rings, as Lowell avenged an earlier 136.60 to 133.50 loss to the Golden Warriors.

Fielding and Dan Booth tied for second in the vault (8.1), while Rob Ginsberg tied for second on pommel horse (6.2), took third on rings (4.7), fourth on high bar (4.4), fourth in vault (8.0) and was the top AHS scorer in floor exercise (6.4).

Greg Hartwell took third on high bar (4.9) and Dan Jaffe third on parallel bars (6.0).

Ginsberg finished second all-around with a 33.60.

Khemra Khirv was the top performer for Lowell with first on pommel horse (6.9), high bar (6.2), parallel bars (7.2), vault (8.4) and all-around (42.9). He was also second in floor (8.2) and on rings (6.0).

Baseball school changes schedule

The 10th annual Andover Warrior Summer Baseball School will run in three sessions scheduled June 30-July 3, July 7-11 and July 14-18.

Note: These dates are a correction from those originally published several weeks ago.

Daily workouts will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The camp is open to youngsters ages 7 to 15 years.

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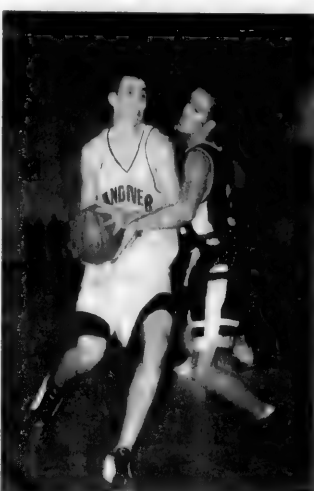
Sessions will be held at the West Middle School fields.

All participants must have updated physical exam and immunization forms.

For more information, call camp director Ken Maglio at 978-623-8709, or e-mail ken.maglio@verizon.net; or visit the website at <www.AndoverWarriors.net>.

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Tournament time



Tyler Richards drives to the hoop against Methuen.

LADY WARRIORS

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averaging close to double figures in rebounds.

Sophomore guard Jackie Powers has 113 points and senior forward Samantha Hughes 106.

Senior guard Merry Fish (93 points) can be deadly from three-point range, with 24 of her 32 field goals (75 percent) this season from behind the arc.

Junior 5'11" forward Matia Kostakis has played her best basketball down the stretch, boosting her point total to 91 and ripping down between 10 and 15 rebounds in several recent games.

Jenny Muller and Chris Vetrano were voted MVC Division I Players of the Year earlier this week, while Jim Tidsley is the D-1 Coach of the Year on the girls side.

Named to the All-Conference Teams were Ashley McLaughlin, Kevin Barrett and Jack Barrett.

AHS All-Stars are Samantha Hughes, Matia Kostakis and Drew Watts.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, February 27

Reading, author Jean Trounstein will read from her new collection of poetry, *Almost Home Free*, free, 7:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 800-491-0143.

Meeting, Andover Writers' Group meeting, 7 to 9 p.m., Memorial Hall Room, upper level, Memorial Hall Library; Leo Griffin 978-470-1186.

Workshop, Andover Department of Community Services presents Communication for Life, learn and practice effective communication skills, create win/win situations to achieve goals, \$26 paid at registration, \$10 material fee paid in class, 7-9 p.m., Andover High School; 978-623-8277.

SAT Math Preparation class, Andover Department of Community Services is offering a SAT Math Preparation class for college-bound students, 5 weeks, \$77, 7-9 p.m., Andover High School; 978-623-8277.

Book signing, by Andover native Raymond G. Potvin, historian, archaeologist and author, will be giving a slide lecture on his book *The Scalp Hunters - Abenaki Ambush at Lovewell Pond - 1725*, free, 7 p.m., Lawrence History Center/Immigrant City Archives, Genealogy Group, 6 Essex St., Lawrence; 978-688-8220.

Friday, February 28

Storytelling, storyteller Andrew Mungo will tell his "Lawrence Stories" of growing up in Lawrence, ages 12 and older, free, 7:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Live music, the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy present a free concert, 7:30 p.m., featuring Joan Huang, PA '03 performing Saint Saëns Introduction and Rondo and Andrew McManus, PA '03 performing Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 2 under the direction of William Thomas, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

Exhibit opening and reception, hosted by Andover Historical Society, local father and son team, Steven B. Leed and Bernard J. Leed II, will have their first gallery showing of their photographs, *Vintage Automobiles: A Photographic Essay*, free, 7 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Theater, The Flaming Idiots, comedy troupe, juggling, balloon eating, whip cracking, family fun, \$12-\$15, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Ira Pro-

ctor, Eric Tynan, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Theater, Georgetown Theater Workshop presents *Breaking Legs*, \$10, 8 p.m., 22 Pleasant St., Georgetown; 978-352-6367.

Saturday, March 1

Massachusetts High School Drama Festival, preliminary rounds, annual competition of best in high school drama, tickets

\$6 available at door the day of the event, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. (Andover High entry begins at 1 p.m.), Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Shawsheen Road; 978-623-8666.

Drama festival, St. John's Preparatory School is also hosting the preliminary round of Massachusetts State High School Drama Festival, \$6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. John's Prep, Kaneb Theater, Alumni Hall, 72 Spring St., Danvers; 978-774-6727.

Mardi Gras, celebration, New

Orleans style dinner and music by the Mill City Jazz Band, \$10, 1-6 p.m., Andover Senior Center; 978-623-8321.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Ira Proctor, Eric Tynan, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Women's Week, Lowell Women's Week 2003 is taking place March 1-9, exhibits and events explore women's spirit and dreams, most events are free, for information to all events call: 978-970-5000.

Live music, Acoustic music, no cover, 9 p.m., Ari Charbonneau, Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

Live music, Jen Wallwork Dominguez, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets: 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Breaking Leg, see Feb. 28 entry.

Sunday, March 2

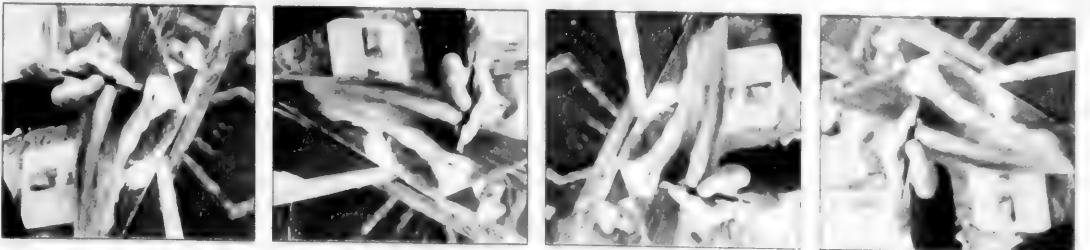
Lecture, the Andover Historical Society program Sunday Sojourns Through Andover History presents, *The Settlement of Andover*, by speaker Carol Majahad, explore who the first European settlers in Andover were, \$5 members, \$10 non-members, 2 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Gallery talk, Carol Clark, the William R. Kenan Jr. professor of fine arts and American studies at Amherst College, and Susan Faxon, associate director and curator, Addison Gallery, will lead a gallery talk about *On Paper*, free, 2 p.m., Addison Gallery, Phillips

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Seeing things differently

Artist at the Andover Senior Center paints his rotated subjects upside down



By Andrea Gregory

ARTISTS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SEE the world a little differently and capture it in alternative ways.

At the senior center in Andover, Bernard Greenside, 79, of Lawrence approaches art from a different angle. Specifically, he likes painting things that are upside down.

Since 1989 he has been painting portraits every Wednesday and Thursday morning with a handful of other painters at the senior center. He uses blown up photographs as his subject, flipping them upside-down or on their side.

"It's very hard to see right-side-up," he says.

Greenside's not talking about his sight, but rather his creative eye.

"If you rotate a picture you can think in terms of shapes," he says. "Then when you turn it right-side-up, it's right."

Greenside says the idea is to see shapes instead of people in a picture.

Since people aren't used to seeing things upside-down or sideways, he says he believes it helps him to concentrate.

Seeing the world in shapes was a trait of his even before his painting days.

"It's the way you see the world around you," he says, noting he used to be able to identify people by the shape of the back of their head.



Bernard Greenside says that, creatively speaking, "It's very hard to see right-side-up." To be able to focus on the shapes in his paintings, he turns them upside-down.

Other artists have asked him what he's doing and then tried painting upside-down themselves. Greenside doesn't mind

being a trendsetter – and says painting is very individual in ways other than the position of one's canvas.

"It's my own way of painting," he says, and it started five years ago. "I taught myself that."

Painting was Greenside's second career. At age 40, he decided to

get formal education in art from what's now known as the Art Institute of Boston.

Out of school, he landed a job as a graphic artist, retiring at 58.

Before his days of art, he was a jazz musician playing the saxophone and clarinet.

He calls that time "another life."

He claims the coming of rock 'n' roll put him out of business as a jazz musician, but also opened up another creative door for him.

"Painting is very rewarding," he says. "You're creating something out of nothing."

"It gives you incentive to go on."

"If you rotate a picture you can think in terms of shapes. Then when you turn it right-side-up it's right."

BERNARD GREENSIDE (AT LEFT)



Bernard Greenside has a handle on his subject, a movie poster for *The Sum of All Fears* starring Morgan Freeman and Ben Affleck.

Serving up mature themes

Seven Menus, Andover High's Drama Festival entry, explores relationships

By Ben Hellman

AFTER EATING DINNER together 56 times last week, the cast of *Seven Menus* finally did lunch Friday. The lunch happened at a restaurant; the 56 dinners happened on stage.

Whether acting or eating in a restaurant, the students were

preparing their entry for the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival and competition, an all-day play extravaganza happening this Saturday at Andover High's Collins Center, off Shawsheen Road.

The students have gotten good at watching how people behave in restaurants. Every scene in *Seven Menus* takes place over dinner in a restaurant booth, so director Susan Sepich assigned the actors from each scene to go out to dinner together to watch how people act while they eat. The meals served further purposes. "It's great bonding," said Sepich.

Bonding could be important for the cast of *Seven Menus*, because each of the students in the production is involved in a mature relationship in the play. The maturity of some of the material was too much for Sepich. She said there were lines in the play that she found inappropriate for high-school students, and she had to cut them. "I had to trim some of the vulgarity," said Sepich.

Despite the cuts, Sepich admits the mature nature of the

scenes remains and some of the play has been a challenge for the students. In one scene in the play, two of the couples meet to arrange a sexual encounter.

Sepich said the scene does not end up being about sex. "If it were, it might be difficult," she said.

Students each had their own thoughts on the matter, but the subject matter was not lost on them. Several cast members let out nervous laughter when asked if their parents were coming to see the show.

Tenth-grader Meaghan Downes-Berry said it was tough to find a context in her life for playing a scene where she meets three other people to have sex. "I've never even had a real boyfriend," she said.

Junior Amy Miara was a little concerned because she does have a real boyfriend. "I have a boyfriend coming, and I have to kiss two different guys," she said.

Sepich said what the actors can connect with in the play is relationships. "High school is all about relationships," said Sepich. Of the older nature of the relationships, Sepich said, "It's a little cynical, but in a truthful way."



The students are dealing with other on-stage challenges they would like to overcome for the festival and competition. Being heard is a concern for some of the students. Because of the close quarters of the restaurant booth, the students are no more than two feet away from each other, but still need to speak loudly enough for the audience to hear them.

Because the students will be competing against other schools to perform at the festival's semi-finals, they've discussed the idea of art as a competition. "It's kind of funny, making it like a sport," said sophomore Meredith Hutchins.

Robert Sanbursky thought differently. He likened auditions to sports tryouts. "You have to compete to get on the team," he

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"Crafts in the Park" will be coming Saturday, May 10, and the deadline for receiving applications is Wednesday, March 5. This fundraising event is sponsored by the American Field Service (AFS) of Andover, an organization dedicated to global peace through international student exchanges around the world. Volunteers are welcome for the craft fair as well as for the AFS chapter itself. Crafters who would like an application or more information are invited to write to Andover Crafts in the Park, Box 685, Andover, 01810; or andovercrafts@aol.com, or call evenings at 978-475-7210, or 978-475-6082. Above is craft fair regular Walter Chaston, with his hand-crafted birdhouses.

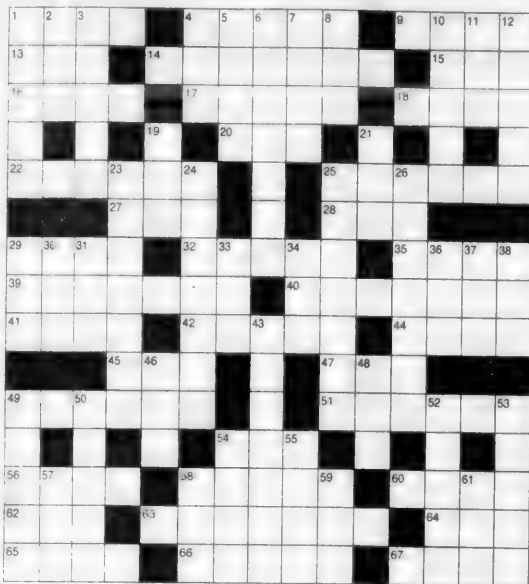


In the first scene of *Seven Menus* are, from left: Meredith Hutchins as Hazel, Pat Dolan as Paul, Alex Hanna as Jack, and Amy Miara as Ruth. The actors have done their research for the play by observing how people act in restaurants.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. New York art district
4. Splenetic
9. Naive
13. Monetary unit of Macao
14. Ripe
15. Toilet
16. Workshops
17. Gold coin
18. Knee
20. Devoid of warmth and cordiality
22. Fivesome
25. Laundered
27. Very small
28. Curve
29. Soft creamy white cheese
32. Withdraw from drugs
35. Expression of sorrow or pity
39. Piffer
40. Disorder
41. Inattentive
42. Adjusts
44. An unfortunate development
45. Large integer
47. A lyric poem with complex stanza forms
49. Workshop machinery
51. Painstakingly thorough
54. Old world, new
56. An aggressive remark
58. Icelandic poems
60. Falloffs
62. Alternatives
63. Ardently



64. Substitute
65. Foray
66. Sleeveless undergarment
67. Eye infection

CLUES DOWN

1. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
2. Egg cells
3. Russell ___, author
4. Small amount
5. Small ornamental ladies' bag
6. Consent reluctantly
7. Tea or cheese
8. Thus far
11. 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
11. An electrically charged atom

12. Discovered
19. Car mechanics group
21. Conflict
23. Ordinal
24. Conceptions
25. Bugle call to assault
26. Scurry
29. Barrels per day, abbr.
30. Herb of grace
31. Savings account
33. Being a single unit or thing
34. Auricle
36. Coronal
37. Social insect living in organized colonies
38. An enclosure for swine
43. Assented
46. Fatty-fleshed fish that migrates between salt and fresh water
48. Hit lightly
49. Concluding state of pregnancy
50. Many torsos
52. National capital
53. A barren wilderness
54. A line determining the limits of an area
55. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
57. Macaws
58. Take in solid food
59. Skilled in deception or skillful in deceiving
61. Nellie ___, journalist

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Academy campus; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Dance, Donna Miceli Youth Dance Co. performance, Andover dancers include Becki Dennis, Elena Greenspan and Lindsey Timko, 5 p.m., proceeds benefit community outreach programs, Saunders Auditorium, Tewksbury Hospital, for ticket information call; 978-446-1450.

Baseball, sponsored by the Lawrence History Center and Hitters Park, 19th century baseball exhibit and information session, learn about 19th-century rules, customs and equipment, see players re-enact an old baseball game, noon-5 p.m., Hitters Park, 300 Canal St., Lawrence; 978-686-9230.

Live Music, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra concert, \$15, \$10 seniors and students, \$5 children; 2:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-372-8237, www.mvpomusic.org.

Artist's reception, group photography, free, 2-4 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Live music, Leon Redbone, \$30, 7:30 p.m., Stoneham Theatre 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, www.stonehamtheatre.org.



Donna Miceli youth dance company members will perform at Tewksbury Hospital Saunders Auditorium on Sunday, March 2 at 5 p.m. Proceeds will benefit community outreach programs. Andover dancers include (from left) Becki Dennis, Elena Greenspan, and Lindsey Timko. Call 978-446-1450 for ticket information.

Live music, Northshore Youth Symphony Senior Orchestra will perform a family concert, free, 3 p.m., Maple Street Congregational Church, 90 Maple St., Danvers; Trudie Larson 978-685-7844, larsonwillis@atbi.com.

Live music, Alanna Manning, 5-9 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammett St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

Fund raiser, the Florence Crittenton League Adoption Agency, annual fund raiser, \$35, 5 p.m., cocktails and silent auction, 7 p.m., performance by Merrimack Repertory Theater of Lowell Women Who Steal, Merrimack Repertory Theater, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-452-9671, info@fclleague.org, www.fclleague.org.

Monday, March 3

Regional town meeting, with US Congressman Marty Meehan, open to the public, residents are encouraged to attend and discuss local and national issues, 7-9 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, second floor; www.mhl.org.



Marty Meehan

Auditions, for The Big Time, a musical comedy presented by WES-JAM Productions, ages 17 and up, show scheduled for July performance, auditions 6:30-9 p.m., West Middle School; 978-374-3224, www.thebigtime.net.

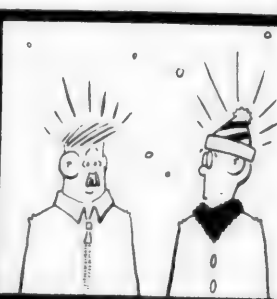
Tuesday, March 4

Meeting, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and First Essex Bank present *Marching Towards Spring*, marketing mixer, \$10

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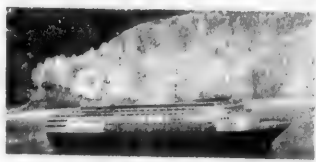


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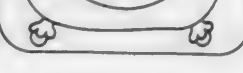
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Kathy Hurst 978-689-2663.
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SEVEN MENUS

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said. Sepich said she does not emphasize the event as a competition because so few of the schools continue to the next round. "It can't really be about winning," she said.

Competition or not, nine plays will be performed Saturday and the public is welcomed. Tickets cost \$6 and once purchased, audience members can watch as many of the plays as they wish. *Seven Menus* is at 12:30 p.m., and organizers said people interested in seeing it should arrive early to be seated.

Barnes and Nobles, Lowell; 978 459-0561.

Live music, Swinging Steaks, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978.372.5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Winter tea, and Tour at Castle Hill, \$18 Trustee members, \$26 non-members, seatings 1 and 3 p.m., tour one hour prior to seating, reservations required, Castle Hill, Crane Estate, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; 978-356-4351.

Live music, Symphony By the Sea, conducted by Jonathan McPhee with Margaret O'Keefe, soprano, \$28, \$10 students, 8 p.m., Abbott Hall, 188 Washington St., Marblehead; 978-745-4955, www.symphonbythesea.org.

Just So, see Mar. 7 entry.

Honk, see Mar. 7 entry.

Breaking Leg, see Feb. 28 entry.

Sunday, March 9

Live music, *Three Recitals at Three for Free*, second in a series of three, Rebecca Sears, free, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355.

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Some unusual suspects - Sabrina Cylle of Andover and Waltham's David Fisher - star in *Accomplice*, Rupert Holmes' comic thriller, running week-ends through March 15 at the Burlington Players Park Playhouse, One Edgemere Avenue, Burlington. Cylle has won numerous awards in regional and national drama and talent contests. She lives in Andover with mom Dana Bissett, director and stage manager in theaters throughout the area. Tickets are \$12-\$15 general admission, and \$10-\$12 seniors and students. Handicapped accessible. The show contains adult subject matter. Call 781-229-2649 or visit www.burlingtonplayers.org.



Mass, 282 Suffolk St. Lowell; 978 459-0561.

Live music, Symphony By the Sea, conducted by Jonathan McPhee, \$25, \$10 students, 3 p.m., Governor

Dummer Academy, Byfield, tickets available only through the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, 978-462-7336, www.symphonbythesea.org.

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ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

By Rick Harrison

West Parish and St. Robert's B remained undefeated and tied atop the Andover Church Basketball League boys senior division after eight rounds of play at the Andover High Field House.

On the girls' senior side, South Church and St. Augustine B are embroiled in a heated two-way battle for top honors.

SENIOR BOYS
WEEK 8

West Parish 26
St. Augustine 14
Strong defense by St. Augustine slowed down the most potent attack in the division, but West still had enough offense to post its eighth straight victory.

John Brody and Ian Dempsey paced the winners with 8 points each, while David Espindole added 6 and Chris Adams 4.

West, which led only 10-6 at the half, could have blown the game open by shooting better at the free throw line (6-for-21).

Kevin Calabro, Kenny Masse and Chris McDonald scored 4 points each for St. Augustine, while Arjun Kannan had a second-half field goal.

St. Robert's B 41
St. Robert's A 26
SRB remained in the hunt with West Parish, posting this relatively easy win over a strong SRA squad.

The B-team controlled the boards and game-high scorer Michael Somma, who pumped a 20 points including 13 in the first half, was the beneficiary of many fast-break outlet passes for easy baskets.

Matt Skinner collected 10 second-half points, Brad Butenhuys had 4 points, Roberts Barry 3 and first-half buckets were added by Mike Geraci and Tom Jackson.

Counting for SRA, which lost only the second time, were Mike McPherson 12 points, Sean McNiff 7, Rob Absi 3, Sean Chase 2 and George Chongis 2.

St. Augustine B 38
St. Augustine F 20
The B-team's smooth-running offense featured a game-

high 11 points by Corey Richard, 10 from Sam Hutchins, 7 from Mike Murray and 6-of-8 free throws by John Caveney.

Dave Pollack and Matt Doherty completed the attack with a second-half basket each.

Sean Donlan finished with 8 points for SAF. Jesse Carroll had 4 and solo field goals were notched by Zach Burdau, Justin Malins, Stephen Ochs and Jonathan Speen.

St. Augustine C 44
St. Augustine A 14
The C-team took advantage of A-team six-foot center Tyler Bedford's absence, working the ball inside numerous times for easy baskets.

John Cronin poured in 12 points to lead the winners, while John Bigelow finished with 8 points and Greg Arcidy, Mike McDonough and Dave Salina pocketed 6 each.

Derrick Beasley and Salyam Modi rounded out the scoring with 4 and 2 points respectively.

Chris Cheney and Tom Ladeau had 4 points each for SAA while Kevin Kobler, Conor McKinnon and Eric Soli netted a basket apiece.

South Church 17
St. Robert's C 9
Doug Hawkins popped in 7 points for the winners as both teams' shooting was off.

Jonah Guerin, Tom Jessep, Greg Moore, Brett Silverstein and Abhishek Sinad notched a basket each.

Tom Vernaglia and Chris Santori had 6 and 3 points respectively to account for the SRC scoring.

Temple Emanuel vs. St. Augustine D
This game was cancelled because the majority of the players were on a weekend Doherty Middle School skip trip.

St. Robert's A 43
St. Robert's C 27
Sean McNiff and Mike McPherson combined talents for 31 points, McNiff with 16 and McPherson 15, as SRA broke open a close game with a 23-11 second-half scoring burst.

Conway notched a field goal, while Kannan and McDonald added a free throw each, in the first overtime.

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Temple Emanuel 32
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John Brody notched 7 points and Chris Adams 4, while contributing at the free throw line were Brandon Conroy, Craig Massey and Matt Puntieri.

West, which shot 9-for-11 at the free throw line, led 22-11 at the half.

Passing with grade Mike McPherson powered SRA with 18 points. Sean McNiff added 9 and Rob Absi 7.

St. Robert's was 6-for-11 at the charity stripe.

St. Robert's B 43
St. Augustine B 16
SRB retained its status as the top team with this convincing win, while St. Augustine's offense was off.

Matthew Jackson scored 6 points, Andrew Cronin and Matt Davidson 4 each. Brad Butenhuys 2 and Tim Holt 2.

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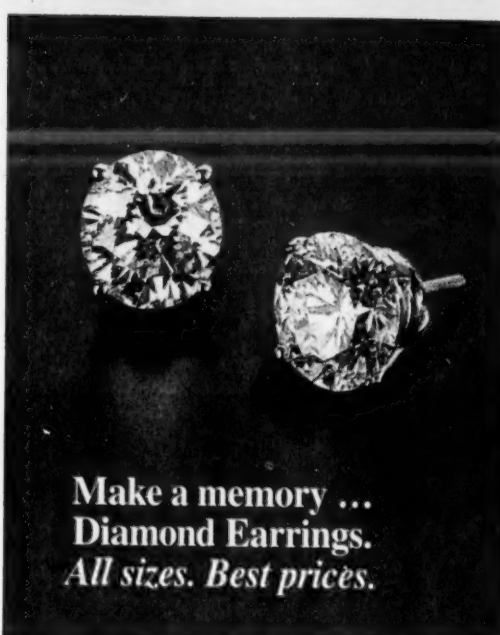
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